



Prepare for Success

A PARENT GUIDE
TO THE

Student Success Initiative

AT GRADES 5 AND 8

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If you have questions about
the state requirements for
the SSI, please contact your
school's principal or AR

State Law Requirements

The Student Success Initiative (SSI) was created by the Texas Legislature to ensure that all students receive the instruction and support they need to be academically successful in mathematics and reading.

Under the SSI grade advancement requirements, students are required to pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) grade 5 mathematics and reading tests to be promoted to sixth grade. Students are required to pass the STAAR grade 8 mathematics and reading tests to be promoted to ninth grade.

What Happens at Grades 5 and 8?

Students in grades 5 and 8 have three opportunities to pass the STAAR mathematics test and three opportunities to pass the STAAR reading test. If a student does not pass one or both tests, the school must provide the student