



College Station ISD

Notice Regarding Grades 5 & 8 STAAR Performance

With the passage of [HB 657](#) during the 85th Texas Legislative Session, an ARD committee is now required to meet before the second administration of the STAAR reading or mathematics assessment when a student receiving special education services in grade 5 or 8 fails to perform satisfactorily on the first administration.

During this ARD meeting, the committee must determine the required accelerated instruction and if the student will be promoted or retained. The bill adds that promotion must be based on the student's performance on his or her IEP goals. The student is not required to take the subsequent STAAR administrations.

While TEA's [Student Success Initiative \(SSI\) Manual](#) has allowed an ARD Committee to waive the second and third administrations in the past, it is important to understand with the passage of this bill that a formal ARD committee must be held after the first administration, if the student did not perform satisfactorily in math or reading. Previous SSI manuals allowed for the possibility of an amendment to be made to an IEP outside of an ARD meeting.