

Background Information	State Assessment TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills)	Assessment Dates 2008-2009 KISD Website: Testing Calendar	Target audience Grades 3 - 11
	Description/Purpose of Assessment TAKS: (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) KISD Board Policy In 1999 the 76th Session of the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 103, which mandated the implementation of a new statewide testing program. The new testing requirements, subsequently named the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), were implemented in spring 2003. By law, all eligible Texas public school students are required to be assessed. The TAKS test is designed to measure the extent to which a student has learned and is able to apply the defined knowledge and skills at each tested grade level. Every TAKS test is directly aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum. By acquiring the academic knowledge and skills specified in the TEKS and tested on the TAKS tests, students can build a strong foundation for future success. The TAKS assessment program includes four different assessments: TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS-M, and TAKS-Alt.		
	District Contact Assessment Department 817-744-1070	Campus Contacts Teachers, Counselors, and campus administrators	Agency Governing Assessment Texas Education Agency www.tea.state.tx.us/
	What is the process to prepare student success? -Differentiated instruction -Highly qualified teachers -KISD aligned curriculum	How information is communicated to students, parents, and community Keller ISD stakeholders learn about KISD's assessment system from various sources. Information regarding the TAKS administration is sent home periodically throughout the school year. In addition, the KISD website provides a matrix of information for each assessment. Matrices include background and purpose, subject and grades, communication plan, and helpful links. Teachers, Administrators, and Counselors are knowledgeable of the assessment system and how the process relates to students individually.	
Evaluation of Results	Timeframe for Scoring and Receiving Results -Scoring is completed by an outside vendor contracted by the Texas Education Agency. -Results are received for Student Success Initiative grades and content areas within 10 days of each administration (Reading: Grades 3, 5 & 8 and Math: Grades 5 and 8) -Results for all other TAKS assessments are received in May. (See KISD website for testing calendar.) -TAKS results are received by the district's Assessment Department and then distributed to campuses. -Individual CSRs (Confidential Student Reports) and a parent brochure explaining the assessment results are either sent home in a sealed envelope or mailed.	Posting District-level Results -Results are posted on the KISD Website	Use of Data for Planning and Continuous Improvement To provide feedback: - to students about what they have learned and what they still have to learn for a particular course, grade level, or unit of instruction; - to teachers about students' learning so that delivery methods can be altered or enhanced to create more effective teaching and learning; - to administrators regarding the effectiveness of teachers, which will signify those who are in need of additional coaching in the effective delivery of the district's curriculum; and - to the community regarding the effectiveness of schools.