



Media Advisory

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New State Standardized Tests to Impact Graduation Requirements, NISD Hosts STAAR/End-of-Course Parent Meetings

WHO

NISD administrators present to an audience of parents.

WHAT

Did you know that a child's score on the STAAR End-of-Course exam could determine their graduation plan and whether or not they are eligible for a four-year university? Due to recent changes in the state's standardized testing program STAAR (The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) and to learn more about this critical test, NISD will host the following meetings:

WHEN/WHERE

Thursday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.
Byron Nelson High School
Performing Arts Center
2775 Bobcat Boulevard
Trophy Club, 76262

Thursday, January 31, 6:30 p.m.
Northwest High School
Performing Arts Center
2201 Texan Drive
Justin, 76247

WHY

Each meeting will provide parents/guardians with information regarding students' graduation requirements in relationship to the STAAR/EOC for students in eighth through tenth-grades. STAAR has proven to be a more rigorous program, with new expectations for students and teachers. Most of the changes predominately affect students at the secondary level. Freshman and sophomores will be tested in grade-specific End-of-Course exams that will impact graduation. Based on the new assessment, a student's year-long success in a course can be impacted by their score on the STAAR/EOC exam.

MEDIA NOTES

NISD has developed a website (www.nisdtx.org/STAAR) which provides a district assessment calendar, answers to frequently asked questions and resources from the Texas Education Agency.

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