



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

During the month of September, parents meetings were held at your child's middle school. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss your child's enrollment in the District's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra I class. The following items were reviewed at the meeting:

- *Criteria for enrollment into Algebra I classes.*
- *An overview of the upcoming 2011-12 State Assessments (STAAR and End of Course)*
- *Testing and grading implications for students enrolled in Algebra 1.*
- *Option to withdraw from the Algebra I class in order to enroll in a regular 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics class by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> six weeks.*

In accordance with House Bill-2135, every district was given the option to allow students enrolled in Algebra I to also test on the STAAR 8<sup>th</sup> grade math.

Although TEKS for Algebra I are different from 8<sup>th</sup> grade math TEKS, the STAAR 8<sup>th</sup> grade assessment will provide feedback on mastery of general mathematics, while the Algebra I STAAR assessment will provide feedback on mastery of Algebra TEKS.

Knowing that students enrolled in Algebra I are strong math students, the District has made the decision to have students enrolled in Algebra I, also take the STAAR Mathematics Assessment.

We are confident our teachers will continue to prepare your child to be successful in all State Assessments. The testing dates for those assessments are as follows:

*Mathematics – March 27, 2012*  
*Algebra I (window of May 7-18, 2012)*

As partners in education, we appreciate your collaboration and continued support. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact your respective campus administrators or your child's Math teacher.

In the best interest of students,