

2017 -18 was a busy and successful year at BISD. Our level of enthusiasm and anticipation is palpable waiting on the new Texas state report cards. We know without a doubt tremendous progress has been made and we can't wait for validation of our improvements.

We had 2 major overall district goals starting the new school year:

- #1 – Every student meeting or exceeding grade level academic progress
- #2 – Improve culture and climate

We will address these one at a time, starting with student academic progress. We want every child that enters BISD to be engaged in rigorous learning opportunities that are relevant in the 21st century. We were not 100% on our goal of every student meeting academic progress but an overwhelming majority of our students did and one piece of data that we are celebrating is in 2016 – 17 we had 6% of our students that achieved Mastery (highest level) on the STAAR test. In 2017 – 18, 20% of our students achieved Mastery (highest level) on the STAAR test. Indicating tremendous improvement and academic gains by our bulldogs! We are not going to settle for these gains, as we know the students of BISD have great potential and can be difference makers in our society so we will continue to push for higher levels of academic achievement by all!

Our second goal was improved culture and climate. In our end of the year surveys at the high school campus we rated in the top 2 tiers in every category measured, again demonstrating the improvement and the shared vision with our staff. At our elementary school we rated in the top 2 tiers in every category but two. Again we are refocused and determined to exceed these levels because we definitely believe in the motto that “good is the enemy of great!”

A few other academic highlights:

- In our 8th grade math the student passing rate improved 5%
- In 4th grade writing the student passing rate improved 20%
- Our 3rd grade set new records for BISD! 3rd grade reading had an 83% passing rate (the state average is only 76%), and a masters rating of 26% (the state average is 24%). In our 3rd grade math the passing rate was 96%!! Yes, you read that right – 96%! (The state passing rate is 77%).
- Our high school campus also had a banner year!
 - ELA 1 – 82% passing rate (the state averages is 60%)
 - ELA 2 – 86% passing rate (the state average is 66%)
 - Algebra 1 – 86% passing rate (the state average is 83%)
 - Biology – 95% passing rate (the state average is 87%)
 - US History - 100% passing rate (the state average is 92%)

As you can see for these reasons and many more we are so enthusiastic about the coming year! BISD is on course for tremendous sustained success in preparing all students for skills that are relevant for college and careers of their choosing.

We are grateful for the awesome support, confidence and enthusiasm by the parents and families of BISD. We are excited about the work ethic, talent and potential of all the BISD

students and can't wait for another school year to be a part of the accomplishments we will witness of our bulldog students.

In August we will be receiving the new Texas released state report cards. These reports will rate our academic performance, our student progress, and our college and career ready results. Reflection is good and we know we have our sights set on more than just STAAR success, we want students who are productive, responsible citizens who love to learn and embrace opportunities of challenge and growth. We know the future is bright and it's a great day to be a BISD Bulldog!

For more information about BISD or to learn more about the academic performance of our campus don't hesitate to reach out to our Campus Principals or the Superintendent.