SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
EIGHTH GRADE READING/MATH INSTRUCTION

2009 MS SUMMER SEMINAR

Date

Dear Principal,

Eighth grade students (general education and special education) who failed to meet the academic standard for reading and/or mathematics on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS and TAKS-Accommodated) for promotion to the next grade will receive comprehensive instruction to prepare them for the third administration of the Reading and Mathematics TAKS. Additionally, every 8th grade student who took the TAKS-Modified should attend this academy in order to develop and maintain comprehension skills. A student's TAKS data, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), and ongoing assessment will guide planning and delivery of instruction. The curriculum taught will include opportunities to develop fundamental skills in reading and math. Support will be provided by a special education teacher working as a co-teacher in the general education classroom.

What:	Eighth Grade Required Reading/Mathematics Instruction
Who:	**Currently enrolled 8th grade regular and special education students who failed to meet the State standard on the 2009 Reading and/or Mathematics TAKS or TAKS-Accommodated or who took the TAKS-Modified.**
Where:	Connell, Harris, Twain, and Wheatley Middle Schools (Refer to the attached Feeder Chart)
When:	June 9 – June 29, 2009 from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM
April 27 - 30	**Notification:** Letters and phone system notification sent to parents of 8th grade students who have not passed the first TAKS Reading and/or Mathematics tests. At this time, a preliminary electronic list of students eligible for the summer seminar will be generated.
May 22-23	**Notification: Students who have passed the second round of TAKS Reading and/or Mathematics tests will be eliminated from the eligibility lists, and letters and phone system notification will be sent to parents of 8th grade students who will be required to attend the summer seminar.**
May 28	Principal ensures online registration completed by campus counselors at all middle schools.
Transportation:	Students will be transported by bus from their home school and taken to the designated summer school site. The bus will return the students to the home school at the end of the day for their parents to pick them up.
Clustered Schools:	Students attend the Reading/Mathematics seminar school site with children from the school in which they are enrolled.
Class Size:	16:1
Teachers:	Highly qualified general and special education
Curriculum:	The curriculum taught is TEKS based. Student data is used to plan instructional activities focused on students' needs. The day is structured to provide students with multiple opportunities to develop fluency, accuracy, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Thank you for your efforts to assist the District in providing a Summer 8th Grade Reading/Math Seminar for our students.

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QUESTIONS

1. **What is the purpose of the Eighth Grade Summer Reading/Math Seminar?**

   The State requires that all eighth grade students meet the passing standard on the Reading and Mathematics TAKS and TAKS-Accommodated in order to be promoted to the next grade. Students failing to meet this standard must be afforded the opportunity to receive intervention. The district is encouraging students who took TAKS-Modified to also attend these classes in order to develop and maintain comprehension skills. The Eighth Grade Reading/Mathematics Seminar provides this opportunity to students before the summer administration of the final eighth grade TAKS and TAKS-Accommodated Tests on June 30 and July 1. Students who took the TAKS-Modified will take a specially-designed TAKS-Modified formatted alternate test also on June 30 and July 1.

2. **Will the students from the clustered sites receive transportation?**

   Yes, the Transportation Department will transport students attending the Eighth Grade Summer Reading/Mathematics Seminars to one of the four sites: Connell, Harris, Twain, and Wheatley Middle Schools.

3. **Who may attend the Eighth Grade Summer Accelerated Reading Academies?**

   Currently enrolled 8th grade regular and special education students who failed to meet the State standards on the 2009 Reading and/or Mathematics TAKS or TAKS-Accommodated or who took the TAKS-Modified are eligible to attend the Eighth Grade Reading/Mathematics Seminar.

4. **Who is eligible to teach the Eighth Grade Reading/Mathematics Seminars?**

   Teachers for these academies must be secondary certified to teach at that grade level and must be highly qualified. Classrooms with special education students will have a special education teacher co-teaching with the general education teacher. Professional development will be provided to these teams of teachers in June.

5. **Must the TAKS-Modified takers attend the Eighth Grade Reading/Mathematics Seminars?**

   It is highly recommended that these eighth grade students attend this Reading/Mathematics Seminar. At this time, students taking the TAKS-Modified are not part of the SSI grade advancement requirements since no passing standard has yet been set by the state. These students will benefit from the additional support in reading and mathematics.

6. **Who is responsible for communicating with the parents of the TAKS-Modified test-takers?**

   The principal is responsible for communicating with these parents and explaining the benefits of attending the Reading/Mathematics Seminars. **An ARD is not required** for attendance, but the Student Enrollment Form and an Accelerated Instruction Plan (AIP) must be completed and parents should receive the Parent Notification Letter.

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SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
8th GRADE REQUIRED READING/MATHEMATICS SEMINARS
INSTRUCCIÓN INTENSIVA 8° GRADO DE LECTURA/MATEMÁTICAS

STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORM/ FORMA DE MATRÍCULA

Please complete this form during the GPC Meeting.
Favor de completar esta forma de matrícula durante la junta del comité para la asignación de grado.

Student Name _____
Nombre del estudiante *(Please Print/Favor de usar letra de molde)*

Street Address _____
Domicilio

Home Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____
Tel. en casa *Tel. de emergencia*

Summer School sites/Escuelas de verano: Connell, Harris, Twain, and Wheatley Middle Schools

I agree to allow my child to attend the Eighth Grade Summer Reading/Mathematics Seminar from **June 9-June 29, 2009, from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM**
Estoy de acuerdo que mi hijo/hija participe en la Academia de Lectura/Matemáticas, empezando el ***9 de junio hasta el 29 de junio 2009, de las 8:30 AM-3:00 PM***

_____	_____	_____
Print Name of Parent/Guardian *Nombre del padre*	Signature of Parent/Guardian *Firma del padre o guardián*	Date *Fecha*

NO ESCRIBA AQUÍ **HOME SCHOOL INFORMATION** ***DO NOT WRITE HERE***

Student ID # _____ **Grade in 2008-09** _____

_____ _____
Referring Teacher Home School

Program Information (**Check**): □ **Regular** □ **Bilingual** **Test** □ **English** □ **Spanish**
□ **Special Education** □ **504/Accomodations:**_____
Reading/Math TAKS Scale **Scores: March 2009**_____ **April 2009**_____
Student will take □ TAKS or □ TAKS-Accommodated June 30 and/or July 1: yes/no
Student will also attend required Reading/Math Seminar ___YES ___NO

Summer School Site _____**Bus Transportation** _____**Yes** _____**No**
(only if not attending home school)

_____ _____
Principal's Signature Home School

PARENTS: PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.
PADRES: POR FAVOR REGRESE ESTA FORMA A LA ESCUELA.

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DELIVER STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORMS TO CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/burnet Center/Room 30
ATTENTION: Cindy Sebald. THANK YOU.

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
8th GRADE REQUIRED READING/MATHEMATICS SEMINAR
for TAKS-Modified Students
INSTRUCCIÓN INTENSIVA 8º GRADO DE LECTURA/MATEMATICAS
STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORM/ FORMA DE MATRÍCULA

Please complete this form and return it to the Principal.
Favor de completar esta forma de matrícula durante la junta del comité para la asignación de grado.

Student Name _____
Nombre del estudiante *(Please Print/Favor de usar letra de molde)*

Street Address _____
Domicilio

Home Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____
Tel. en casa *Tel. de emergencia*

Summer School sites/Escuelas de verano: Connell, Harris, Twain, and Wheatley Middle Schools

I understand that it is voluntary for my child to participate in the Accelerated Mathematics Instruction Academy.
I **agree** / **do not agree** (circle one) to allow my child to attend the Eighth Grade Reading/Mathematics Seminar from **June 9-June 29, 2009, from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM**
*Estoy de acuerdo que mi hijo/hija participe en la Academia de Lectura de Verano, empezando el **9 de junio hasta el 29 de junio 2009, de las 8:30 AM-3:30 PM***

_____	_____	_____
Print Name of Parent/Guardian *Nombre del padre*	Signature of Parent/Guardian *Firma del padre o guardián*	Date *Fecha*

NO ESCRIBA AQUÍ **HOME SCHOOL INFORMATION** ***DO NOT WRITE HERE***

Student ID # _____ **Grade in 2008-09** _____

_____ _____
Referring Teacher Home School

Program Information (**Check**): □ **Regular** □ **ESL** □ **Special Education**
□ **504/Accomodations:**_____

TAKS Scale **Scores: March 2009**_____ **April 2009**_____
Student will take □ TAKS-Modified District Alternate June 30 and/or July 1: yes/no
Student will also attend required Reading/Mathematics Seminar ___YES ___NO

Summer School Site _____**Bus Transportation** _____**Yes** _____**No**
(only if not attending home school)

_____ _____
Principal's Signature Home School

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PADRES: POR FAVOR REGRESE ESTA FORMA A LA ESCUELA.

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DELIVER STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORMS TO CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/burnet Center/Room 25
ATTENTION: Cindy Sebald. THANK YOU.

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
8TH GRADE READING/MATHEMATICS SEMINAR
SUMMER 2009
PARENT NOTIFICATION

Date: _____

To the parents of: _____
Student's Name

Home School _____

Grade _____ Referring Teacher _____

Your child has been recommended to participate in the Eighth Grade Reading/Math Seminar. If she/he did not meet the passing standard on the Grade 8 Reading and/or Mathematics TAKS or TAKS-Accommodated test given on April 29 (3rd & 5th Reading) or May 19 (5th Math) or took the TAKS-Modified test, she/he will attend the Reading/Mathematics Seminar at _____Middle School, **June 9 – June 29, 2009, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.**

Daily attendance of accelerated instruction is required under state law related to SSI grade advancement (TEC §28.0211). Therefore, it is subject to state compulsory attendance laws as specified by TEC §25.085(d)(3), which refers to "an accelerated instruction program to which the student is assigned under Section 28.0211."

The Eighth Grade Reading/Mathematics Seminar is designed to meet the student's academic needs.

Transportation will be provided from the home school to the designated summer school site. Students will be picked up at their home campus each morning. Buses will return students to their home campus each afternoon. Parents have the responsibility of ensuring that their child arrives at school on time each morning and is picked up on time each afternoon. Breakfast and lunch will be served daily at summer school. Students are expected to wear their school uniform.

We appreciate the support and interest you have shown in your child's academic achievement. Please do not hesitate to call our office if you have any questions regarding the summer program. You may also call the **Summer Seminar Office at (210) 212-7554.**
Addresses and Telephone Numbers:

Connell MS **400 Hot Wells 78223** **Phone: 210-534-6511**	**Harris MS Academy** **325 Pruitt 78204** **Phone: 210-226-4952**	**Twain MS** **2411 San Pedro 78212** **Phone: 210-732-4641**	**Wheatley MS** **415 Gabriel 78202** **Phone 210-227-3921**
Transportation Department **(210) 223-9792**	**Summer Seminar Office** **(210) 212-7554**		

PARENTS: PLEASE KEEP THIS LETTER FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sincerely,

Principal

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SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

INSTRUCCIÓN 8° GRADO DE LECTURA/MATEMATICAS
VERANO 2009

CARTA DE NOTIFICACIÓN

Fecha: _____

Para los padres de: _____
Nombre del estudiante

Escuela: _____

Año escolar**:** _____ Maestro/a: _____

Su hijo/a ha sido recomendado como participante en la Instrucción Intensiva 8° Grado de Lectura/Matematicas. Asistirá a la escuela _____desde el **9 de junio hasta el 29 de junio, 2009, de las 8: 30 AM a las 3: 00 PM.** Es indispensable que su hijo / hija asista todos los días para que se beneficie de este programa.

Asistencia diaria de instrucción intensiva es necesario bajo la ley estatal iniciativa para el éxito estudiantil (TEC §28.0211). Por lo tanto, es sujeto a la ley asistencia obligatoria especificada por TEC §25.085(d)(3), a cual se refiere "un programa de instrucción intensiva a cual el estudiante esta asignado bajo Sección 28.0211."

Estudiantes que necesitan transportación a la escuela de verano pueden tomar provecho de los servicios diarios del autobús escolar. Los padres de familia tendrán que llevarlos a la escuela a la que asisten durante el año y recogerlos allí mismo al final del día. Es la responsabilidad de los padres que su hijo / hija llegue a la escuela a tiempo diariamente e igualmente recogerlo/a a tiempo después de clases. El almuerzo y la comida serán ofrecidos diariamente en la escuela de verano. Los estudiantes tendrán que usar el uniforme escolar.

Muchas gracias por su interés en este programa que resultará en el adelanto y desarrollo académico de su hijo / hija. Llame a la oficina de la escuela o al **Summer Seminar Office at (210) 212-7554** si tiene preguntas sobre el programa de verano.

Información adicional:

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PADRES: FAVOR DE GUARDAR ESTA CARTA PARA SU INFORMACIÓN.

Sinceramente,

Director/a

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