



# Kirby World Academy

## Middle Years Program-Math-Science

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Dear Parent:

Recently I was notified that Kirby World Academy is included on the 2014-2015 Public Education Grant (PEG) list by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Schools are included on the list if:

- 1) the passing rate on a subject area test of the state assessment is less than or equal to 50% in any two of the three years: 2011, 2012, or 2013. The subjects and assessments vary by year.
- 2) the school was rated *Academically Unacceptable* in 2011 or *Improvement Required* in 2013/ [No state accountability ratings were issued in school year 2011-2012.]

Kirby World Academy has been added to the PEG list because of state test scores in Social Studies from 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. In these previous two years, 50% or less of Kirby 8<sup>th</sup> graders passed the state assessment in Social Studies. Our campus is proactively working with WFISD to improve these scores. Kirby's Social Studies staff have spent many hours in professional development to learn the most effective teaching strategies and training to enhance the delivery of the content. In addition, Kirby staff have assisted in writing the local curriculum for Social Studies. Also, WFISD is using this Spring semester to teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies Skills to all 7<sup>th</sup> graders, thus giving next year's students early preparation for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade assessment. In closing, it is Kirby's expectation that there will be continued improvement in all students' assessment scores.

A parent at a PEG school may request a transfer by contacting the district the student desires to transfer to in writing. In-district transfers may be made by completing a transfer request in the Student Assignment Office at 1104 Broad. Students must be in good standing with attendance, grades, and discipline at the time of the transfer request. Transfers are contingent on space available and the ability of the parent to provide transportation.

If you need further information, please call me at (940)235-1029 or the Student Assignment Office at (940) 235-1029.

Sincerely,

Jesse Thomas  
Principal

