

First Look: EOY Student Achievement

Insights into Houston's latest student achievement results give us optimism about future student outcomes

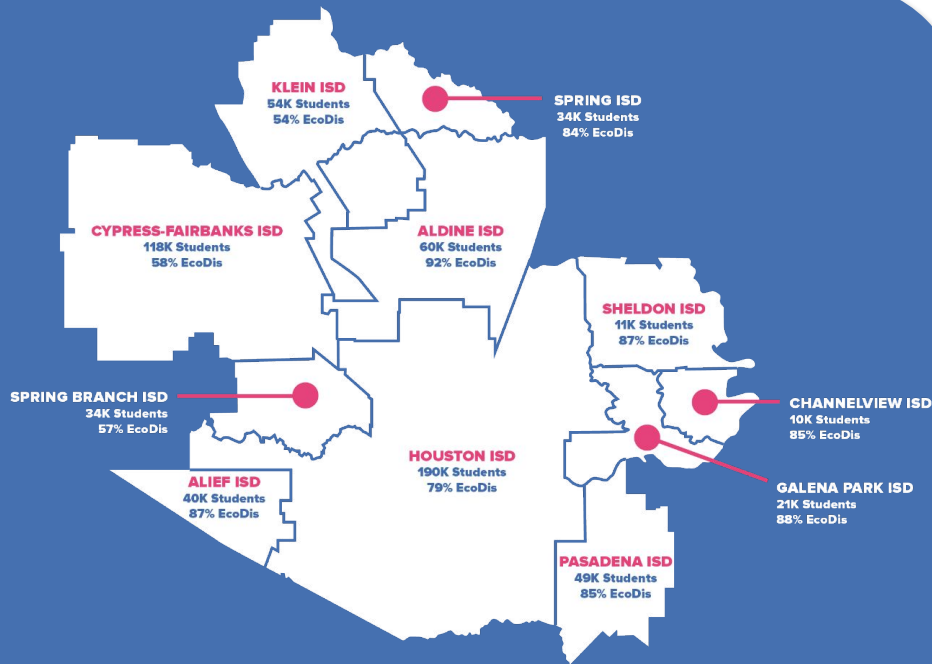
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Good Reason Houston **builds awareness** of, **advocates** for, and **advises** leaders on what it will take to ensure that Houston becomes the **top education city in the nation**.

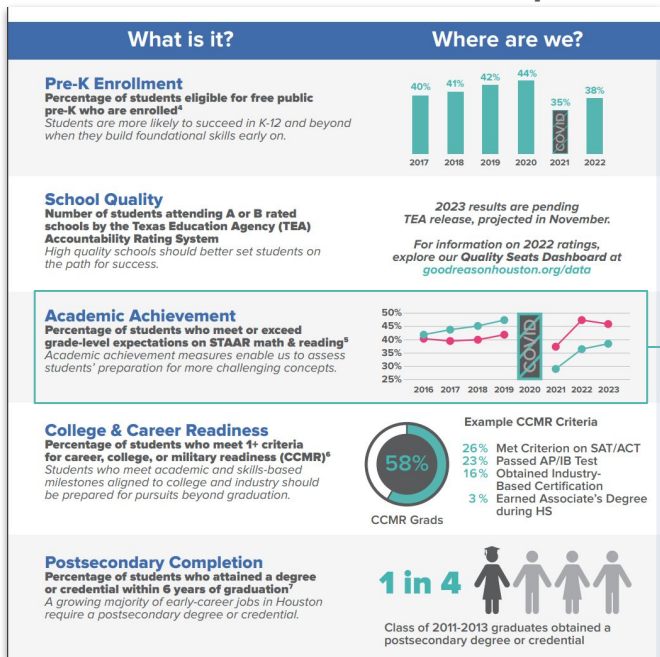
“Houston Region”

~25 districts (charter & ISD)
890 public schools
700,000 students



Five key indicators help us measure progress towards improved student outcomes.

Good Reason Houston's Houston Public Education Snapshot



- Taken by nearly all students enrolled in public schools, starting in 3rd grade
- Aligned to state standards
- Redesigned to test high-level skills aligned to graduation-ready competencies and workforce needs

Key Takeaways - EOY Student Achievement

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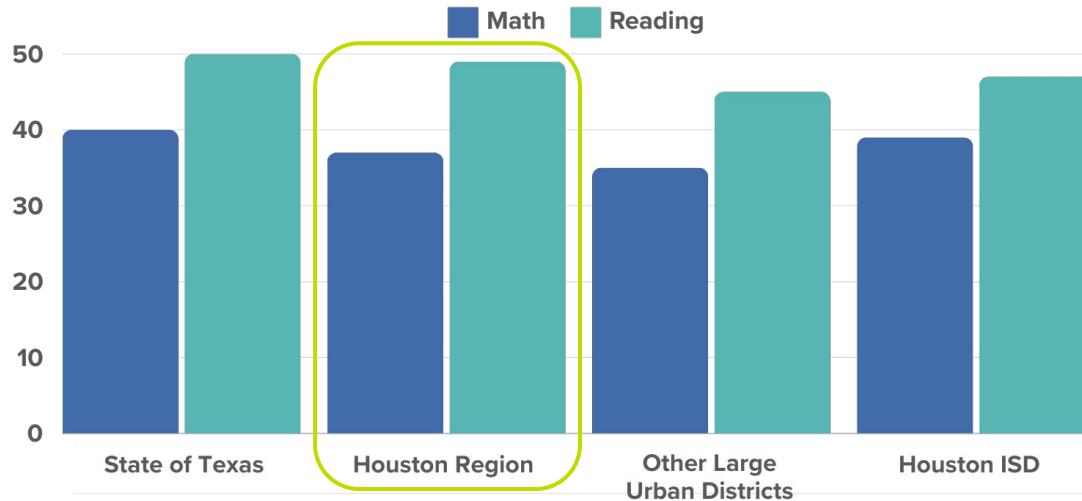
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Generally, we can look at progress across two indicators: proficiency and growth.



In terms of proficiency, the Houston region is slightly underperforming the state and outperforming other large Texas urban districts when we look at all subjects and grades.

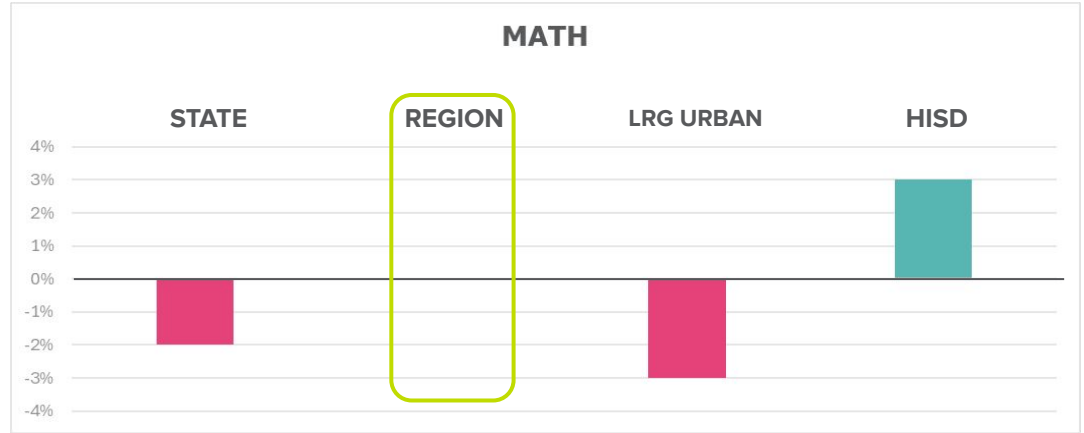
State, Region, Other Large Urban, Houston ISD
Meets or Exceeds Rate



Across the Houston region, 3-8 reading saw a 2 point gain since 2023 in the percent of students scoring Meets or Exceeds, outpacing gains statewide.

Math remained at 2023 levels.

3-8 STAAR Meets or Exceeds 2023-2024 Percent Point Change



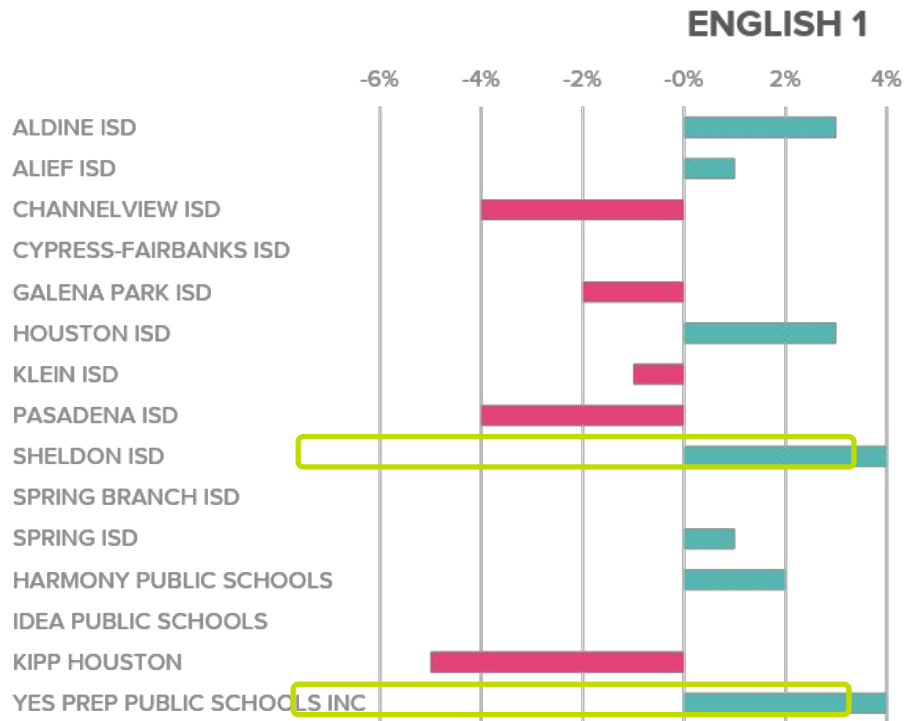
In terms of growth, HISD, Galena Park ISD, and YES Prep were the only districts in our region with gains in both 3-8 math and reading.

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MATH **READING**



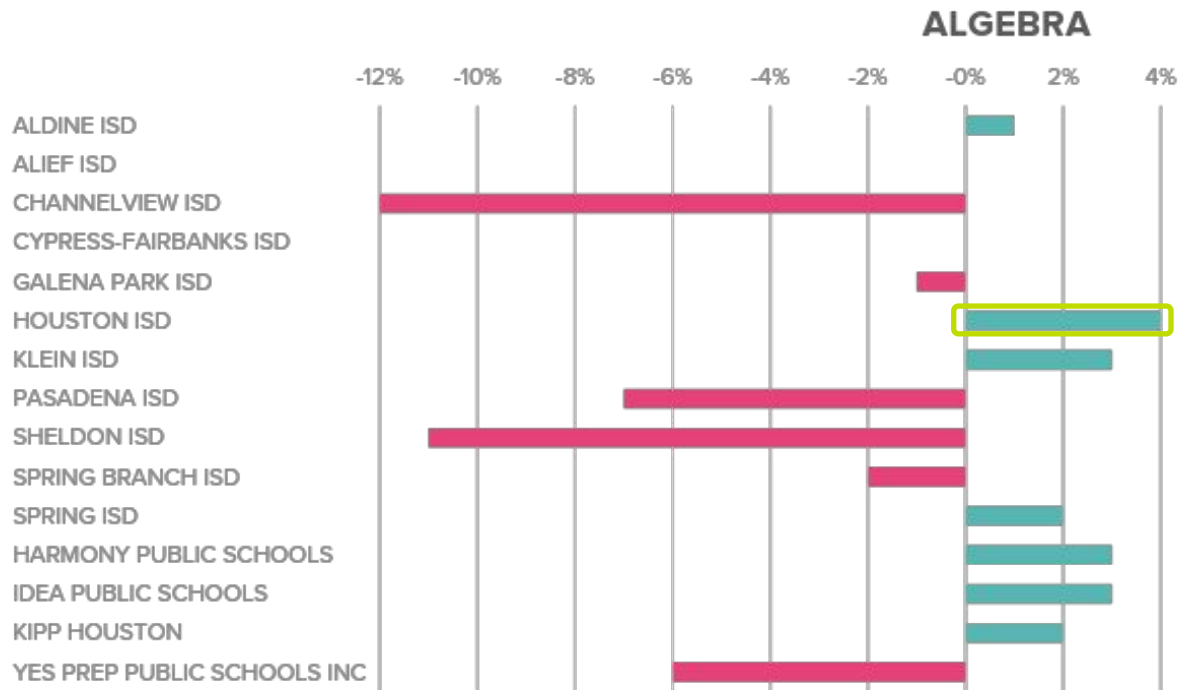
English EOC growth varied across the region, with the largest gains in Sheldon ISD and YES Prep and the largest decline in KIPP Houston.

STAAR EOC Reading Meets or Exceeds 2023-2024 Percent Point Change



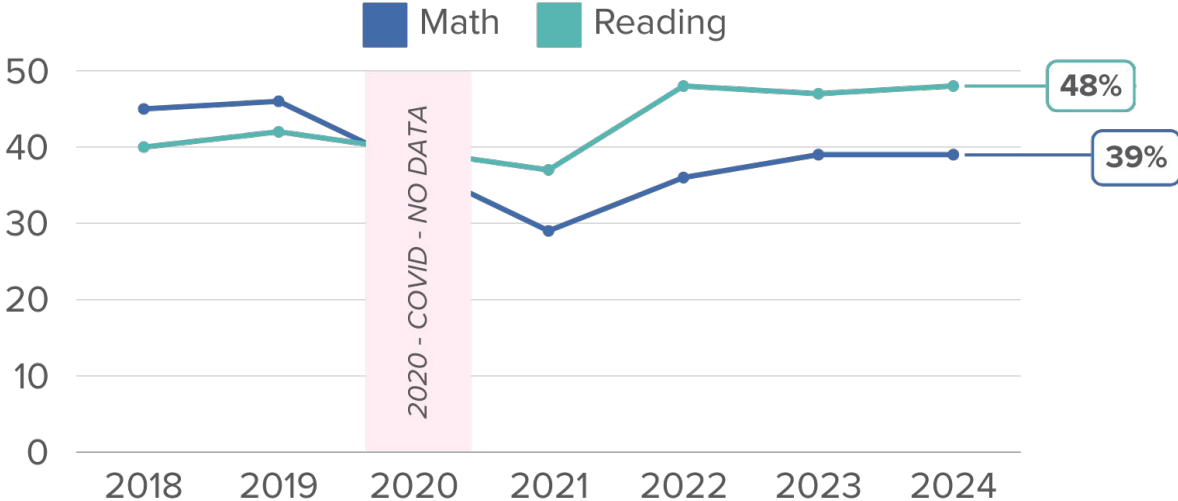
Algebra growth varied widely across the region. HISD saw the greatest increase in the meets rate; Channelview and Sheldon ISDs saw sizeable declines.

STAAR EOC Algebra Reading Meets or Exceeds 2023-2024 Percent Point Change



Math proficiency levels have plateaued across the region for all grades and are well-below pre-pandemic levels. Reading proficiency levels continue to improve slightly.

Houston Region All Grades STAAR Meets of Exceeds Percent 2018-2024



Source: Texas Education Agency, 2024 STAAR Preliminary

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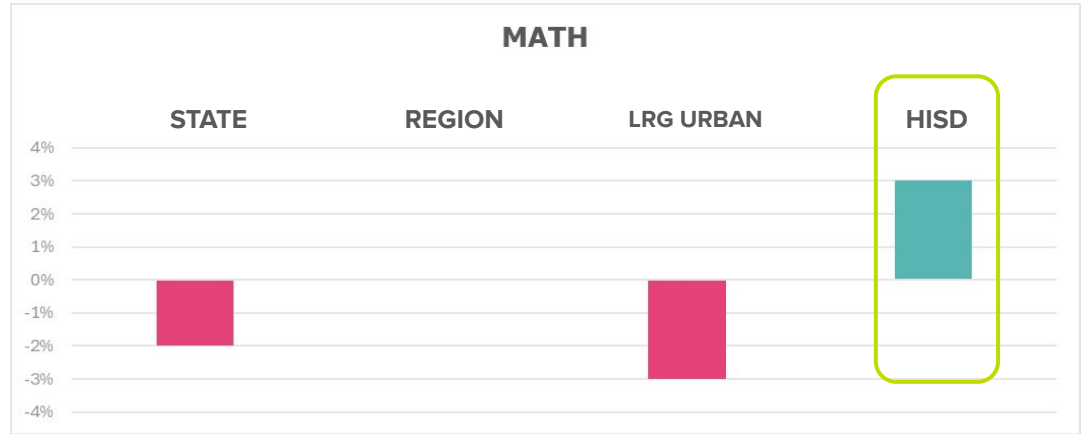
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While Houston ISD lags the state in proficiency, HISD demonstrates gains in both 3-8 math and reading that outpaces the state, the region, and other large Texas urban districts.

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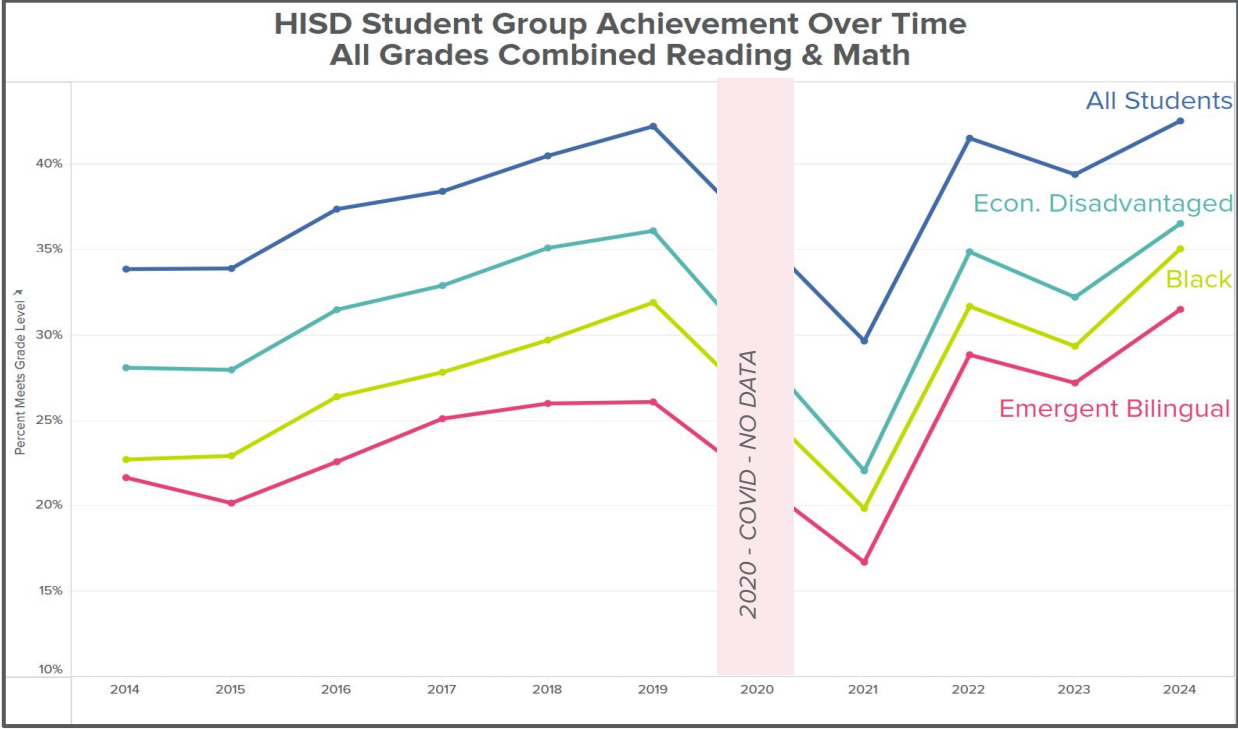
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HISD reading and math proficiency for all students and key student groups at highest levels since 2014.



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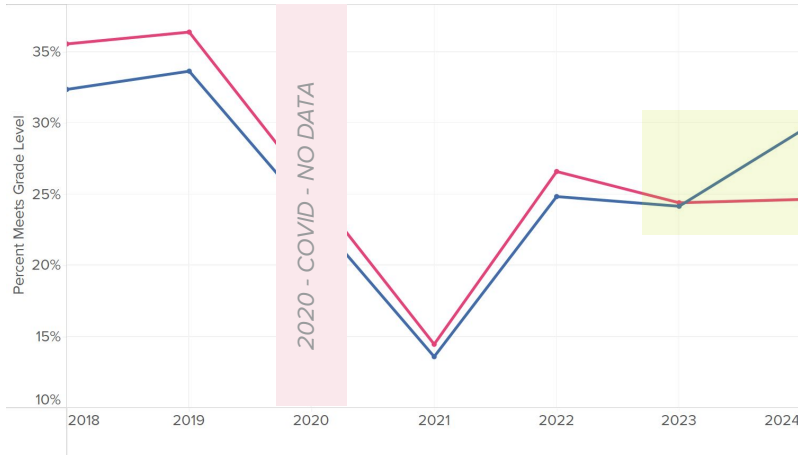
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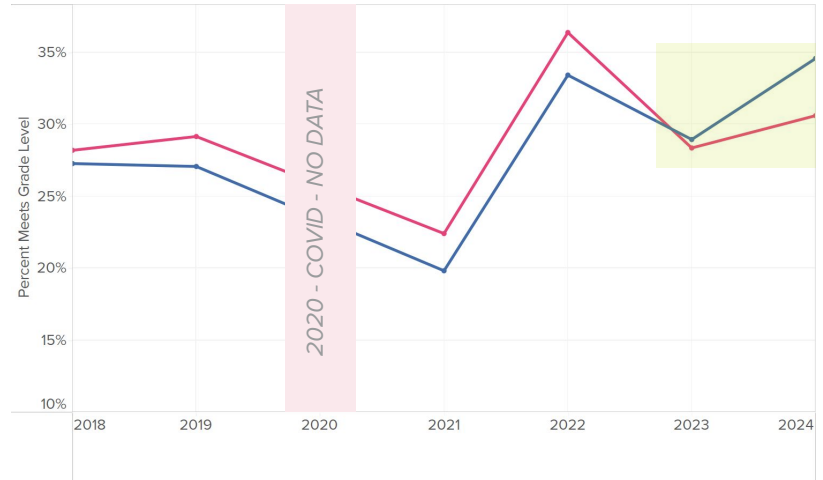
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85 campuses under NES intervention are bucking the trend and charting a different trajectory for student achievement.

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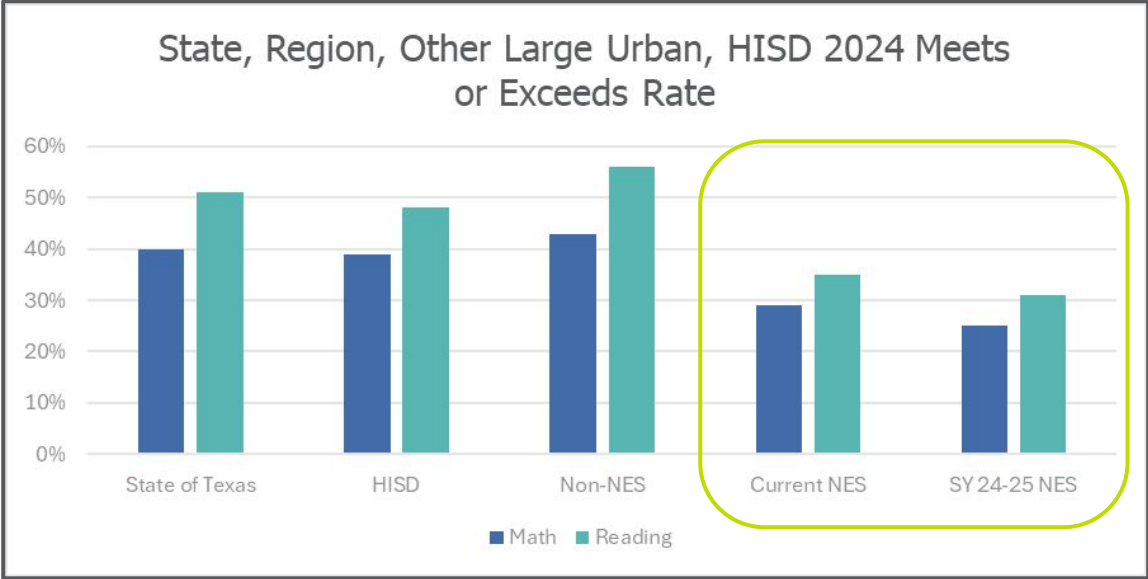
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■ Current NES Cohort

■ SY 24-25 NES Cohort

While NES campuses this school year do not meet state or district proficiency averages, they are outperforming comparable schools that will be placed under the intervention next year.



Source: Texas Education Agency, 2024 STAAR Preliminary

What's driving improvement on Houston ISD's NES campuses?

“Wholesale, systemic reform”

1. New, enhanced reading/math curriculum

2. New, differentiated instructional model

3. New incentives to attract/reward effective teachers

4. Augmented staffing model (e.g., learning coaches)

5. New principal expectations

6. “High-performance culture”

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Houston region proficiency slightly behind the state due to low growth.

Only 5 of 11 ISDs in Houston region saw growth gains in 3-8 reading/math, or Algebra I. Only 1 district, Houston ISD, saw growth across all three subject areas.

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