



Dear Uplift Meridian Families,

The Texas Education Agency has released its 2014-15 Accountability Ratings for all Texas public schools. In our first year to take the STAAR assessment, Uplift Meridian Preparatory received the “Improvement Needed” rating. The good news is that Uplift Meridian scholars exceeded the Postsecondary Readiness index at a rate three times higher than the target set by the State of Texas. Scholars also exceeded the Closing Performance Gaps target by five points, and we were one point away from a rating of Met Standard. We want our scholars to succeed across all four indicators, therefore below is an explanation of the rating breakdown and our plans to address the areas in which we need to improve.

This rating is based on up to 4 performance indexes: 1) Student Achievement, 2) Student Progress, 3) Closing Performance Gaps, and 4) Postsecondary Readiness. Schools receive a “Met Standard” by scoring above the target on *either* Index 1 *or* Index 2 and *both* Index 3 and 4.

- Index 1: Student Achievement: **NEEDS IMPROVEMENT**
 - This index is based on the level of STAAR satisfactory performance for all scholars across all tested subject areas.
 - **Our Plan:** Uplift Meridian will continue to focus on literacy through Guided Reading and differentiated small group instruction. We are also using ST Math and iStation, technology learning programs, to support personalized learning opportunities in reading and math. Our teachers will receive intensive coaching and support in using assessment data to provide differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all learners.
- Index 2: Student Progress: **NEEDS IMPROVEMENT**
 - Measures the level at which scholars are making progress year-to-year.
 - **Our Plan:** Our focus on literacy through Guided Reading and small group instruction coupled with ST Math and iStation technology learning programs will help scholar scores improve year over year. In addition, scholars who are significantly below grade level standards, will receive daily academic and/or language support from our academic interventionist.
- Index 3: Closing Performance Gaps: **MET STANDARD**
 - This index tracks academic achievement of our highest need scholars
- Index 4: Postsecondary Readiness: **MET STANDARD**
 - This index is based on grade level achievement at postsecondary levels for multiple tests.

I am confident that we will see significant improvement in our scholars’ STAAR performance this year in all four indexes. Our team of teachers, interventionists, support staff, and administration is committed to the academic success of each and every one of our scholars. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the STAAR performance ratings from Uplift Meridian Preparatory School. We invite our 3rd-4th grade families to share in the support of scholars in math and reading from home. We welcome any and all ideas for additional support and encourage you to reach out to your scholars’ teacher for ways to support from home.

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