## **Academic Excellence is a Rise Academy Tradition**

Over a span of nearly 20 years, **Rise Academy** has established a legacy of high academic achievement with our students. Texas public schools are measured academically by their results on the STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) tests.

These tests are given to students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Each year, all students are tested in reading and math. Other subjects, such as science, writing, and social studies are tested at only certain grade levels.

The two documents which display STAAR results are the state School Report Card, which provides a summary of test results, and the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), which provides more detail on the STAAR tests.

Finally, the federal government requires the display of the Federal Report Card. This document is highly detailed and difficult to understand, but we are required to post it.

The first report, the state School Report Card, shows that Rise Academy achieved a "Meets Standard" for the 2017-18 school year. This does not sound like a particularly impressive outcome, but, for reasons unknown, single-campus charter schools like Rise were not given an A through F rating for the 2017-18 school year. Had Rise Academy been graded, we would have achieved a 'B,' with a composite score of 88 out of 100. The preliminary accountability rating for the 2018-19 year is an 'A' for Rise Academy, with a composite score of 95.