



# State Assessment Information

## 2014-2015

Testing Department: 210-945-6887

### What Tests are Required?

Math 3rd  
Reading

Math 4th  
Reading  
Writing

Math 5th  
Reading  
Science

Math 6th  
Reading

Math 7th  
Reading  
Writing

Math 8th  
Reading  
Science  
Social Studies

English I HS  
English II EOCs  
Algebra I  
Biology  
US History

### What is STAAR?

STAAR stands for State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness, which is the state's student testing program. The assessments are based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, (TEKS) which are the state curriculum standards. Beginning in grade 3 through high school graduation, students will be tested in the core subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies.

### Why Standardized Testing?

STAAR tests show whether a student has mastered specific knowledge of a core subject at a certain grade level. Test results should provide parents assurance that their child is prepared to enter the next grade level within their school district or any Texas district. Finally, the results provide the educator and administrators with uniform information about where to focus resources— especially in the core subjects being taught.

### How are STAAR Assessments in 3rd-8th grade administered?

Each test is given one time each year with the exception of students in 5th and 8th grade who must meet promotion requirements. There will be additional testing opportunities scheduled. There is a four hour time limit on each test.

### Testing Calendar

STAAR Writing, Math, Reading  
(4th, 5th, 7th, 8th)

**March 30-31**

STAAR Math, Reading,  
Science, Social Studies (3rd-8th)

**April 21-22**

STAAR 5th/8th Reading Retest  
**May 12**

STAAR 5th/8th Reading Retest  
**June 23**

STAAR EOC (re-test)  
**December 1-5**

STAAR EOC English I  
**March 30**

STAAR EOC English II  
**April 1**

STAAR EOC

**May 4-7**

STAAR EOC Retest  
**July 6-10**

### What if a student does not pass STAAR ?

In grade 5 and 8, students will have three attempts to pass the Reading test. If they do not pass, a Grade Placement Committee (GPC) will convene to determine if the student will be retained in that grade.

### Will students who receive special education services take STAAR?

Yes, The Admission, Review and Dismissal Committee (ARDC) for a student who receives special education services will determine the appropriate test.

### What if a student took a course with a required EOC exam in middle school?

If a student is enrolled in middle school and takes a course that has an EOC exam, the student is required to take the applicable EOC exam. Though taken in middle school, the test(s) taken and passed in middle school will count toward the high school graduation requirement.

## Students in High School

### How are the End-of Course tests administered?

Each test is given three times a year to give students multiple testing opportunities for those who did not pass after the first attempt. Each test has a four hour time limit with the exception of English I & II, which has a five hour time limit.

### What if a student completes the course but does not pass the test?

If a student passes a course but does not pass the EOC exam, the student is required to take the test again. However, the student is not required to retake the course just because he or she failed the assessment.



Students in Kindergarten through high school who are identified as ESL or whose parents deny bilingual program services are required to take the TELPAS Assessment. TELPAS assesses the English Language proficiency of K-12 ELLs in four language domains: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

The latest information on STAAR can be found on the Texas Education Agency website at [www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/)