

**OVERVIEW OF STATE
ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**
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CURRENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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Texas Assessment of Academic Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)

Assessment	Description	Students Tested in 2009 *
TAKS Grades 3-11	General state assessment	2.3 million
TAKS in Spanish Grades 3-5 *Numbers are approximate	May be taken for up to 3 years	Reading: 57,000 Mathematics: 46,000

There are also special TAKS forms for students served by Special Education and for English language learners.

NEW ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

5 STATE OF TEXAS ASSESSMENTS OF ACADEMIC READINESS (STAAR)

- ⊙ More rigorous than TAKS; greater emphasis on alignment to college and career readiness
- ⊙ Grades 3 – 8
Tests are in same grades and subjects as TAKS
- ⊙ High school
Twelve end-of-course assessments rather than a grade-specific test (currently grade 11) covering four subject areas

6 STAAR Assessments for Grades 3-8

- ⊙ 3-8 mathematics
- ⊙ 3-8 reading
- ⊙ 4 and 7 writing
- ⊙ 5 and 8 science
- ⊙ 8 social studies

Implemented in 2011-2012 School Year

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STAAR End-of-Course High School Assessments

- ⊙ English I, English II, English III
- ⊙ Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
- ⊙ Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- ⊙ World Geography, World History, U.S. History

Starts in 2011-2012 School Year With Entering 9th Graders

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STAAR End-of-Course High School Assessments

- ⊙ To graduate, student must achieve cumulative score at least equal to the product of number of assessments taken in that content area and scale score that indicates satisfactory performance
- ⊙ For each of four core content areas, cumulative score $\geq n \times$ passing scale score, where n = number of assessments taken

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STAAR End-of-Course High School Assessments

For students on minimum graduation plan –

- ⊙ Cumulative score is based on number of courses taken for which an end-of-course assessment exists
- ⊙ Cumulative score requirement may vary by subject area

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STAAR End-of-Course High School Assessments

In addition to meeting cumulative score requirement in each of four core content areas, students on recommended high school program have to perform satisfactorily on –

- ⊙ Algebra II assessment
- ⊙ English III assessment

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STAAR End-of-Course High School Assessments

In addition to meeting cumulative score requirement in each of four core content areas, students on distinguished achievement program have to perform satisfactorily on college-readiness component of –

- ⊙ Algebra II assessment
- ⊙ English III assessment

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STAAR End-of-Course High School Assessments

- ⊙ Student is not required to retake course as a condition of retaking assessment
- ⊙ School district shall provide accelerated instruction to each student who fails to perform satisfactorily on assessment

13 **STAAR End-of-Course High School Assessments**

- ⊙ Student's score on assessment must be worth 15% of student's final grade for that course
- ⊙ School district is not required to use student's score on subsequent administrations to determine student's final grade for that course

14 **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Plan for phase-out of HS TAKS and phase-in of EOC assessments

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
GR 9	TAKS	EOC	EOC	EOC	EOC
GR 10	TAKS	TAKS	EOC	EOC	EOC
GR 11	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	EOC	EOC
GR 12	TAKS*	TAKS*	TAKS*	TAKS*	EOC or TAKS*

*Out-of-school testers and 12th grade re-testers

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STANDARD SETTING PROCESS

- ⊙ Under TAKS, standards were set separately for each grade and subject and were primarily informed by examination of test content
- ⊙ Under STAAR, standards will be set as an aligned system across courses within a content area, and will be set based on data from empirical studies of other state, national, and international assessments as well as on test content

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TIMELINE FOR STANDARD SETTING

- ⊙ STAAR EOC – standards to be set in fall 2011 so scores can be reported for first high stakes administration in spring 2012
- ⊙ STAAR 3-8 – standards to be set in fall 2012 so reports will be delayed for first administration in spring 2012

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WHAT DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN

- ⊙ TAKS – last year for grades 3-9 is 2011 and for grade 10 is 2012; last primary administration of exit level TAKS is spring 2013
- ⊙ STAAR EOC – first reports will be available in late spring 2012; first retest will be offered in summer 2012
- ⊙ STAAR 3-8 – first reports with performance standards applied will be available in late fall 2012 [NOTE: there will not be retest opportunities for SSI grades/subjects in the 2011-2012 school year]

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Questions?



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