



2011-2012

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness

STAAR Schedule

(Replacement for TAKS test)

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar>

Test Date	STAAR
Tuesday, March 27	Grade 5 Math Grade 8 Math Grade 7 Writing Day 1
Wednesday, March 28	Grade 5 Reading Grade 8 Reading Grade 7 Writing Day 2
Tuesday, April 24	Grade 6 Math Grade 7 Math
Wednesday, April 25	Grade 6 Reading Grade 7 Reading
Thursday, April 26	Grade 5 Science Grade 8 Science
Friday, April 27	Grade 8 Social Studies
Tuesday, May 9	*Grade 8 Algebra EOC

*8th grade students taking Algebra will also take the End of Course test on May 9

For the 2011-2012 school year only, the Student Success Initiative (SSI) promotion requirements for grades 5 and 8 will not include STAAR results. Students will be assessed for promotion to the next grade by other academic information, such as grades, released tests, and teacher recommendations. There will be no retest opportunities this year. This transition between the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years is necessary since performance standards for STAAR at grades 3-8 will not be set until fall 2012.

- Grade promotion for grades 4, 6 and 7 is not tied to passing STAAR but the same information will be considered as grades 5 & 8.
- All tests in the STAAR program will have a four-hour time limit.

ALGEBRA 1 STUDENTS:

- An 8th grade student enrolled in Algebra I will take STAAR grade 8 reading, science, social studies, math (local policy) as well as STAAR Algebra I.
- Students in grades 5 and 8 may not be denied promotion based on unsatisfactory performance on STAAR
- Student's score on a STAAR Algebra EOC will be worth 15% of student's final grade for that course EOC assessments. HB 3 indicates that a student can retake any STAAR EOC assessment for any reason, but the student's score on subsequent administrations will not be used to determine the student's final grade for that course (local policy).
- Final grades may be delayed until June.

Note that this information reflects the language in House Bill 2135, which was passed by the 82nd Legislature, and is different from what was indicated in the April 22, 2011, district communication regarding the implementation of STAAR. Districts should keep in mind that decisions have not yet been made about how test scores for these students will be used in state or federal accountability.