

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>August 12, 2019</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Interim Assessment Registration and Updates</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Information for School Year 2019-2020</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Share with appropriate staff</b>

The STAAR interim assessment is a free, optional online tool for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools that provides actionable data to help educators monitor progress and predict student performance on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). Interim assessments include test questions developed with Texas teachers and STAAR summative test questions from previous years. Interim test questions have been field tested and are fully aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Updates for the 2019-2020 school year include the following:

- New STAAR interim assessments will be available for science and social studies (in English and Spanish where applicable). Unlike the TEKS for reading language arts (RLA) and math that tend to include similar skills over the grades but build in complexity, the science and social studies TEKS tend to contain discrete skills, facts, and concepts. Therefore, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is planning to only offer one testing opportunity and recommend that it is administered after the majority of TEKS have been covered
- Interim assessments for math and RLA will continue to be available, but there will only be one testing opportunity for grades 3 - 8 reading. This is because the RLA TEKS have been revised, and only overlap standards will be assessed in grades 3 - 8 at this time
- For the Spanish interim assessments, content and language supports in Spanish will now be available

Districts can register students in the Texas Assessment Management System.

<b>First testing window (Opportunity 1)</b>	<b>Registration opens:</b> August 12, 2019	<b>Assessment window:</b> August 15, 2019 - March 31, 2020
<b>Second testing window (Opportunity 2)</b>	<b>Registration opens:</b> November 15, 2019	<b>Assessment window:</b> November 22, 2019 - March 31, 2020

The STAAR interim assessments will be available for the following grades/subjects and courses:

**Two testing opportunities (available during Opportunities 1 and 2)**

- grades 3 - 8 mathematics
- Spanish grades 3 - 5 mathematics
- Algebra I
- English I
- English II

**One testing opportunity (available during Opportunity 2 only)**

- grades 3 - 8 reading
- Spanish grades 3 - 5 reading
- grade 5 science (new)
- Spanish grade 5 science (new)
- grade 8 science (new)
- grade 8 social studies (new)
- Biology (new)
- U.S. History (new)

Interim assessments include:

Refreshable Braille	For grades 3 - 8 reading, grade 8 social studies, English I, English II, and U.S. History
Content and Language Supports	For all English and Spanish assessments

During the 2018-2019 school year, more than 1.4 million interim assessments were completed, and more than 600 districts and charter schools participated. TEA has and will continue to partner with school districts and charter schools to make the interim assessments a useful tool for progress monitoring and predicting performance on STAAR.

More information about STAAR Interim Assessments and training opportunities can be found on the [Interim Assessments webpage](#).

**Contact for Further Information**

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