



Understanding Answer Documents - STAAR

Components of the 2016 Texas Assessment Program

- State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR)
 - STAAR Spanish
 - STAAR A
 - STAAR L
 - STAAR Alternate 2
- TAKS (exit level)
- Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS)

Answer Documents

- STAAR and STAAR Spanish — one combined answer document
- STAAR A is online
- STAAR L is online
- STAAR Alternate 2 — no answer documents should be submitted for students assessed with STAAR Alternate 2
- TELPAS is online
- TAKS is online

Answer Documents (continued)

- STAAR Score Codes
 - “S” – tested
 - “A” – absent
 - “O” – other (illness, testing irregularity, EOC/above grade level, substitute assessment, etc.)
 - “*” – paper/online (STAAR/STAAR A or STAAR/STAAR L)
 - SSI score codes
 - EOC defaults to “O” if student previously achieved Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance (score code default set to “3”)

NOTE: For each subject area, only ONE score code should be gridded.

Answer Documents (continued)

- An “*” score code is present on all STAAR answer documents that have two subject areas tested.
- TEST TAKEN INFO field — information about the language version (English or Spanish) must be recorded in this field.
 - “EN” or “SP” for grades 3, 4, and 5
- **NEW TO TEXAS - §101.3014. Scoring and Reporting.**
 - (f) A school district, charter school, or private school that administers criterion-referenced tests under the TEC, Chapter 39, Subchapter B, shall accurately report to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) whether that student transferred into the school or district from out of state during the current school year.

Answer Documents (cont.)

Grade 4 Answer Document

1

TEST TAKEN INFO			
M		R	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> EN	<input type="radio"/> SP	<input type="radio"/> EN	<input type="radio"/> SP
ABOVE GRADE			
<input type="radio"/> M		<input type="radio"/> R	

2

SCORE CODE	
M	R
<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> A
<input type="radio"/> O	<input checked="" type="radio"/> O
<input type="radio"/> *	<input type="radio"/> *
<input type="radio"/> S	<input type="radio"/> S

SCORE CODE	
M	R
<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> A
<input type="radio"/> O	<input type="radio"/> O
<input checked="" type="radio"/> *	<input type="radio"/> *
<input type="radio"/> S	<input type="radio"/> S

Answer Documents (cont.)

Grade 8 Mathematics and Reading Answer Document

1

TEST TAKEN INFO	
M	R
EOC/ABOVE GRADE	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2

SCORE CODE	
M	R
<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> A
<input checked="" type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> B
<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> C
<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> D
<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> E
<input type="radio"/> F	<input type="radio"/> F
<input type="radio"/> G	<input type="radio"/> G
<input type="radio"/> H	<input type="radio"/> H
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<input type="radio"/> J	<input type="radio"/> J
<input type="radio"/> K	<input type="radio"/> K
<input type="radio"/> L	<input type="radio"/> L
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<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> N
<input type="radio"/> O	<input type="radio"/> O
<input type="radio"/> P	<input type="radio"/> P
<input type="radio"/> Q	<input type="radio"/> Q
<input type="radio"/> R	<input type="radio"/> R
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<input type="radio"/> V	<input type="radio"/> V
<input type="radio"/> W	<input type="radio"/> W
<input type="radio"/> X	<input type="radio"/> X
<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Y
<input type="radio"/> Z	<input type="radio"/> Z

SCORE CODE	
M	R
<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> A
<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> B
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<input type="radio"/> G	<input type="radio"/> G
<input type="radio"/> H	<input type="radio"/> H
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<input type="radio"/> V	<input type="radio"/> V
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<input type="radio"/> X	<input type="radio"/> X
<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Y
<input type="radio"/> Z	<input type="radio"/> Z

Answer Documents (cont.)

Algebra I Answer Document

1	ENROLLED GRADE	TEST TAKEN INFO 2		3	SCORE CODE	ACCOMM.	TEST DATE			
		A1					A1	A1		
		FORM #								
		4	4						0	7
	(5)	(0)	(0)		(A)	(GA)	(0)	(0)		
	(6)	(1)	(1)		(O)	(BR)	(1)	(1)		
	(7)	(2)	(2)			(LP)	(2)	(2)		
	(8)	(3)	(3)			(OA)	(3)	(3)		
	(9)	(4)	(4)		(S)	(XD)	(4)	(4)		
	(10)	(5)	(5)			(LA)	(5)	(5)		
(11)	(6)	(6)			(6)	(6)				
(12)		(7)			(7)	(7)				
(OS)		(8)			(8)	(8)				
		(9)			(9)	(9)				

STAAR Precoding

- Precoded labels – No more labels!
- Precoded answer documents – “spray-on” precoding

STAAR Precoding (Continued)

- Districts can receive two precoded answer documents (when appropriate) for students testing above grade.
 - Example: A student will take grade 6 reading and grade 7 mathematics. Submit a record in the precode file with the grade-level-code as '06' and a value of '07' in the "Above Grade Code" field.

STAAR Precoding (Continued)

- STAAR L and STAAR A are given online
 - Register students with an ‘L’ or ‘A’ in the “STAAR EOC Test Version Code” when submitting a student data file.
 - Records will also need to be designated as online in the “Test Format” for EOC.
 - For grades 3–8 when a student is designated as STAAR L for only one of the tests on a combined answer document, then the student will be registered for the STAAR L test and will receive a precoded document for the non STAAR L subject.

PEIMS Data

- The “preliminary” PEIMS file was loaded to the assessment management systems/student directory in late December.
- The “final” PEIMS file will be loaded in late February or early March.

New in 2016

- PEIMS vs. District Supplied file
- Preliminary PEIMS vs. Final PEIMS File
- “Resolution” window vs. “Correction” window
- Transfer Students
- Unique Student Identifier vs. Document Number