STAAR®
Grade 4 Reading Test Design
(English and Spanish)

BASE TEST

3–4 SINGLE SELECTIONS
(DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH)

PAIRED SELECTION

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36 TOTAL MC ITEMS

FIELD TEST

SINGLE SELECTION

PAIRED SELECTION

PAIRED SELECTION

6 MC ITEMS EMBEDDED

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GENRES ASSESSED:

LITERARY
- FICTION
- LITERARY NONFICTION
- POETRY
- DRAMA
- MEDIA LITERACY (EMBEDDED)

INFORMATIONAL
- EXPOSITORY
- PROCEDURAL (EMBEDDED)
- MEDIA LITERACY (EMBEDDED)

TOTAL READING LOAD:

BASE TEST
APPROX. 3,100 WORDS MAXIMUM

FIELD TEST
APPROX. 800 WORDS MAXIMUM

(LENGTH OF SELECTIONS MAY VARY;
READING LOAD IS CONSTANT)