

STAAR
Answer Documents –
What's New
(and other items of possible interest)

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Components of the 2014 Texas Assessment Program

- State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR)
 - STAAR Spanish
 - STAAR L
 - STAAR Modified
 - STAAR Alternate
- Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) – Exit Level
- Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS)

Answer Documents

- STAAR and STAAR Spanish — one combined answer document
- STAAR L is online
- STAAR Modified — separate answer document
- STAAR Alternate — no answer documents should be submitted for students assessed with STAAR Alternate

Answer Documents

- STAAR L is NOT available for the subjects/programs listed below:
 - Reading, Writing, English I, and English II
 - STAAR Spanish
 - STAAR Modified

Answer Documents

- TELPAS — no answer documents
- TAKS — only exit level; online only October 2014

Answer Documents

- STAAR Score Codes

- “S” – tested
- “A” – absent
- “O” – other (illness, testing irregularity, EOC/above grade level, etc.)
- “*” – paper/online or STAAR/STAAR Modified
- SSI score codes – “P,” “R,” “PW”
- 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

- An “*” score code is present on all STAAR and STAAR Modified answer documents that have two subject areas tested.

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

Answer Documents

- 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

Answer Documents

- For each subject area tested, only ONE bubble, if applicable, should be gridded in the TEST TAKEN INFO field to show which assessment the student was administered.
 - Determine the language version of the assessment that the student will take (grades 3, 4, and 5 only).
 - Follow the same steps to grid the TEST TAKEN INFO field even if the student is absent from the test or illness/test irregularity occurs during testing.

Answer Documents

STAAR
(English and Spanish)

TEST TAKEN INFO			
M		R	
EN	SP	EN	SP
FORM #	FORM #	FORM #	FORM #
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
	4		4
	5		5
	6		6
	7		7
	8		8
	9		9
ABOVE GRADE			
	M		R

Answer Documents

STAAR
EOC

SEX CODE	TEST TAKEN INFO	
<input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F	A1	
	FORM #	
ENROLLED GRADE	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 0
	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 1
<input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9 <input type="radio"/> 10 <input type="radio"/> 11 <input type="radio"/> 12	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 2
	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 3
	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 4
		<input type="radio"/> 5
		<input type="radio"/> 6
		<input type="radio"/> 7
		<input type="radio"/> 8
		<input type="radio"/> 9

Answer Documents

- Foreign Exchange Students
 - Required to test
 - Bubble on the Spring 2014 answer documents
 - No bubble on the July 2014 answer documents
 - No gridding of Agency Use field

Answer Documents

- Graduation Requirements
 - Algebra I, biology, English I, English II, U.S. history
 - English I and English II Transition Rules for reading and writing tests prior to Spring 2014
- Testing requirements
- Answer documents – Absent/Other/Void

Student Registration/Precoding

- Precoded labels – English I, II, Modified, and grade 4 and 7 writing
- Precoded answer documents – STAAR EOC (Algebra I, biology, and U.S. history) and grades 3–8 reading, mathematics, science, and social studies

Student Registration/Precoding

- 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.

Student Registration/Precoding

- If the student is identified as Special Education = '1' and is testing on paper, a precoded answer document and a precode label (in case the student needs to test with Modified) will be provided.
- Campuses selected to participate in the 2014 STAAR Grade 4 Prompt Study will receive precode labels from the PEIMS file. Precode labels will also be provided for students identified on the PEIMS file as Hispanic and LEP (potentially taking the Spanish grade 4 prompt study).

Student Registration/Precoding

- STAAR L is given online
 - Register students with an 'L' in the "STAAR EOC Test Version Code" when submitting a student data file. Submit only for Algebra I, biology, and U.S. history.
 - 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 in the data file and one of the tests is not a STAAR L test, the student will be registered for the STAAR L test and will receive a precoded document for the non STAAR L subject (reading and mathematics assessments on the same answer document).

Student Registration/Precoding

- Standardized Oral Administration (SOA)
 - For spring 2014 SOA (online tests) will be available for
 - Grades 4 and 7 mathematics and reading
 - Grade 8 science and social studies
 - You can register students through a data file submission by using the correct code as indicated in the Student Data File Format for Student Registration and Precoding.

Student Registration/Precoding

- TAKS Exit Level
 - Beginning with the 2014 October administration, all students that are identified as “non masters” in one or more subjects will be registered to take the subject(s) that they have not passed (online test only).

Record “Clean Up”

- Test Warnings
 - May occur if not all applicable information is provided
 - PEIMS ID
 - Last name and first name
 - Date of Birth
 - Gender
 - Grade (EOC)
 - May occur if information is present but doesn't match student directory in the Texas Assessment Management System – PEIMS ID matches but two out of three of the last name, first name, or DOB do not.

Record “Clean Up”

- Test Warnings
 - If test warnings are not resolved (current year and previous year), students will not receive a growth measure, will have incomplete cumulative history, or the record will not appear in the student portal, etc.
- TELPAS – Years in U.S. Schools
 - Used to calculate the ELL Progress Measure
 - If not submitted with TELPAS record, update through the Test Taken Information Changes to make sure the student has a value for Years in U.S. Schools.

“Other Potential Issues”

- Do not submit an answer document if a student is assessed with STAAR Alternate.
- Be careful of PEIMS IDs that start with an ‘S’ or a ‘5’ (‘S’ is often mixed up with ‘5’)
- Do not use the TSDS student ID in place of the PEIMS ID
- If a student’s PEIMS ID changes or a PEIMS ID is mis-gridded, call Pearson to have the records merged. If a student has multiple PEIMS IDs, the student will have incomplete cumulative history.

Questions?