The STAAR grade 8 science assessment uses a type of open-ended question known as a griddable item. The purpose of griddable items is to provide students opportunities to derive answers independently without being influenced by answer choices provided with the questions. The grade 8 science assessment includes two griddable questions. There are no griddable questions on the STAAR grade 5 science or biology assessments.

**Griddable Questions for STAAR Grade 8 Science Assessment**

- The correct answer will be a positive number.
- The answer grids include a fixed decimal point.
- Students must enter their answer in the correct columns with respect to the fixed decimal point.
- Students must enter their answer in the boxes and then fill in the corresponding bubbles.
- Students do not have to use all the boxes.
- Extra zeros may be filled in (either before or after the answer) as long as their placement does not affect the value of the answer.