STAAR

Texas Migrant Interstate Program

Test Administration Information

STAAR®
State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness

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Resources

To administer a State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) online assessment, refer to the following:

- *District and Campus Coordinator Resources*
- Test Administration Resources
- *Test Delivery System (TDS) User Guide*

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General Information

The information in this Texas Education Agency (TEA) publication is designed to support the Texas Migrant Interstate Program (TMIP) with the administration of STAAR to migrant children from Texas who are out of state during testing. This document should be used in conjunction with the *District and Campus Coordinator Resources* and the *STAAR Test Administrator Manual*, which can be found on the Test Administration Resources web page.

> The instructions in this document assume that the test administrator is responsible for all testing activities and has reviewed all appropriate materials. If your test site has more than one person involved in an administration, call TMIP.

STAAR is a standardized academic achievement assessment designed to measure the extent to which a student has learned and is able to apply the defined knowledge and skills in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) at each tested grade, subject, and course. Every STAAR question is directly aligned to the TEKS currently in effect for the grade and subject or course being assessed.

STAAR helps to ensure that Texas students are competitive with other students both nationally and internationally. Another important function of STAAR is gauging how well schools and teachers prepare their students academically. STAAR also fulfills the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which requires that all students be assessed annually in mathematics and reading language arts (RLA) in grades 3–8 and at least once in high school, as well as in science at least once each in elementary, middle, and high school.

STAAR includes:

- grades 3–8 mathematics,
- grades 3–8 RLA,
- elementary and middle school science (administered in grades 5 and 8, respectively),
- grade 8 social studies,
- end-of-course (EOC) assessments for:
  - Algebra I,
  - English I,
  - English II,
  - Biology, and
  - U.S. History, and
- Spanish assessments for:
  - grades 3–5 mathematics,

- grades 3–5 RLA, and
- elementary science (administered in grade 5).

Accommodations

TEA defines accommodations as changes to materials or procedures that enable students to participate meaningfully in learning and testing. TEA accommodations policies, available in the Accommodations section of the *Coordinator Resources*, may apply to any student taking STAAR depending on his or her needs and whether the student meets the eligibility criteria. Students requiring embedded supports for testing will have test attributes for certain accommodations enabled in the online assessments. Call TMIP if students indicate that they are eligible for accommodations but the accommodations do not appear in the Test Delivery System (TDS).

Scheduling

For the 2026–27 school year, STAAR administrations will be offered during the following two-week testing windows:

- November 30–December 11: STAAR EOC assessments
- April 5–16: STAAR RLA assessments
- April 12–23: STAAR science and social studies assessments
- April 19–30: STAAR mathematics assessments
- June 14–25: STAAR EOC assessments

Students participating in assessments administered through TMIP will take STAAR online using TDS. Students must complete the assessment within the same school day unless the student has been approved for an extra day or experiences a health-related interruption during testing. Any student who needs additional time may continue testing until the end of the regularly scheduled school day. It is not necessary to track the time for lunch or breaks, but students may not spend more than seven hours working on the assessment. For the June administration, an earlier end to the regularly scheduled school day does not require students to stop testing, and they may be allowed to test up to seven hours, if needed. Each test site must contact TMIP in advance to arrange a testing schedule.

Before Testing

Test sites for students participating in STAAR grades 3–8 or EOC assessments must contact TMIP in advance to ensure that proper online testing infrastructure is in place and testing materials are received in a timely manner. TMIP will provide student login credentials after confirming that test sites have the necessary resources to administer an online assessment.

Responsibilities of Testing Personnel

Home district testing personnel responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- identifying students who will participate
- ensuring that identified students are registered in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) with appropriate test attributes
- coordinating with TMIP personnel to ensure that students are appropriately tested and that any testing incidents are reported
- sending confidential student test tickets to TMIP personnel
- being available to answer questions

TMIP personnel responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- becoming familiar with these test administration instructions
- identifying students who will participate
- coordinating with home district testing personnel to ensure that students are appropriately tested
- training test administrators and preparing them to carry out their duties
- ensuring that test administrators have signed and submitted test security oaths
- receiving secure test session IDs from the TEA Student Assessment Division TMIP liaison
- receiving confidential student test tickets from enrolled district testing personnel
- providing secure test session IDs and confidential student test tickets to test administrators in a secure manner
- being available for assistance before and during test sessions to address any issues that may occur
- contacting the TEA Student Assessment Division TMIP liaison to report test security incidents
- maintaining testing documents for five years

Test administrator responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- becoming familiar with these test administration instructions
- viewing the Test Security for the Texas Assessment Program training module

- reviewing and signing a test security oath
- ensuring that administrative rights necessary for installing software are obtained
- ensuring that network infrastructure and devices have been assessed and meet the Minimum System Requirements
- ensuring that all testing software is properly installed, configured, and tested
- ensuring that devices are available and properly configured for test sessions
- ensuring that any non-embedded designated supports are available to eligible students who require them
- ensuring that a Spanish voice pack is available for students testing with a text-to-speech (TTS) accommodation in Spanish
- coordinating with TMIP personnel to ensure that students have the necessary information they need to log in to their test sessions and take the assessments
- preparing the testing environment
- helping students log in to and access their assessments
- ensuring proper testing procedures
- administering the assessments
- maintaining test security, including active monitoring
- notifying TMIP if any issues arise

Test Security and Training

Maintaining the security of all components of the Texas Assessment Program is critical for ensuring fair and equal testing opportunities for all Texas students. Test security for the Texas Assessment Program includes, but is not limited to, preserving the confidentiality of students' individual assessment results and personally identifiable information used or obtained in the administration of an assessment. Training on test security and administration procedures should be provided annually to ensure a standardized test administration and the best testing experience for Texas students. Annual training is especially important for understanding and implementing new or updated policies and procedures. Given the many uses of student performance data and the need to assure educators, parents, students, and the public that test results are meaningful and valid, it is imperative that all individuals participating in the Texas Assessment Program preserve the integrity of test content and student data through strict adherence to the instructions and procedures contained in the *Coordinator Resources* and the test administration materials. Lack of annual training typically results in testing incidents that may impact students' test scores, campus and district accountability ratings, and, ultimately, an educator's teaching certificate.

All testing personnel who handle test materials should be aware that the materials may contain secure test content and that any viewing, discussing, or recording of this information is strictly prohibited. Test administrators who have permission to view secure content in order to provide

an approved designated support or as part of the program-specific test administration process must be reminded that responding to test questions, recording the information they see,

scoring an assessment, or discussing the content of an assessment at any time is strictly prohibited.

Test administrator training on test security and administration procedures is required. TMIP will provide training and training materials to test administrators.

Required topics for STAAR test administrator training include:

- test security,
- scheduling test administrations,
- preparing for test administrations,
- testing with accommodations,
- administering assessments, and
- returning materials.

All testing personnel involved in the administration of STAAR are required to sign an oath indicating that they understand their obligations concerning test security and confidentiality. The test security oath is provided by TMIP and must be signed before handling secure test materials and returned to TMIP prior to testing.

Different types of testing incidents causing a deviation from specified testing procedures may result from testing personnel actions taken before, during, and after testing. Each person participating in the Texas Assessment Program is responsible for reporting any testing incident or suspected testing incident. To report a testing incident, contact TMIP immediately. TMIP will inform TEA of all testing incidents.

Refer to the Test Security and Training Activities sections of the *Coordinator Resources* for more information.

Prepare for Online Testing

Student test tickets will be provided electronically by TMIP and must be printed at least one day before the test administration. Test tickets contain personally identifiable information, including the student's first name and Texas Student Data System (TSDS) ID, and should be kept confidential. Each student must have a test ticket to log in to an assessment.

The test session ID, which students also need to log in to take the assessment, is not included on the test ticket and will need to be provided to students separately. Secure test session IDs will be provided by TMIP and must be kept in a secure location.

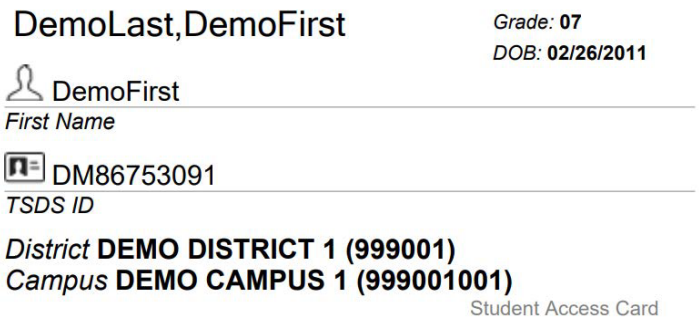
Refer to the Prepare for Online Administrations section of the *STAAR Test Administrator Manual* for more information.

UNAUTHORIZED VIEWING, DISCUSSION, DUPLICATION, OR SCORING OF SECURE TEST MATERIALS IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.

During Testing

Students must present photo identification on the day of the assessment before being allowed to test. A driver's license, Department of Public Safety (DPS) ID, school ID, or resident alien card may be used to verify a student's identity. Contact TMIP to verify a student's identity if none of these forms of identification are available.

Testing personnel must verify that the information printed on the student test ticket, including the student's first and last name, date of birth, district, and campus, is correct. Contact TMIP if the information on the test ticket is not correct.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DOB: **02/26/2011**

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First Name

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TSDS ID

District **DEMO DISTRICT 1 (999001)**

Campus **DEMO CAMPUS 1 (999001001)**

Student Access Card

Refer to the Monitor Online Administrations section of the *STAAR Test Administrator Manual* for more information.

If you have any concerns during the administration of an assessment, contact TMIP immediately for guidance.

After Testing

All STAAR assessments that are started online will automatically default to a score code of “S” for Score. Test administrators must inform TMIP if any other score codes are necessary before the close of each specific two-week testing window.

Test administrators must notify TMIP once testing is completed and follow directions from TMIP regarding the destruction of student test tickets, any allowed supplemental aids, and scratch paper, graph paper, or reference materials.

All STAAR test materials should be sent to TMIP once testing is complete.

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