If students are to be prepared for success after graduation, they must develop an increasingly complex set of knowledge and skills as they progress through school. In Texas, these are defined as the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and are approved by the State Board of Education. The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) is designed to help parents, teachers and administrators know what knowledge and skill students have mastered and where they still have gaps.

### OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS

School districts and campuses receive an annual performance rating from the Texas Education Agency, designed to take into account a variety of measures. Together, these measures give a broad picture of a school’s or district’s overall performance in helping students achieve academically.

**ACHIEVEMENT**

What students know and can do

**PROGRESS**

How far students have come

**CLOSING THE GAPS**

How different student groups are performing

Choose the higher of:

- A
- B
- C
- D

### Measuring Expectations

**Sample Student Expectation from 3rd Grade Math TEKS**

Represent one-and-two step problems involving addition and subtraction of whole numbers to 1,000 using pictorial models, number lines and equations.

Example two-step equation: $736 + 197 – 150 = caret$

**Actual STAAR Item Based on 3rd Grade Math TEKS**

An art teacher had 736 crayons. She threw away 197 broken crayons. Then she bought 150 more crayons. Which equation shows how to find the number of crayons the art teacher has now?

A. $736 - 197 - 150 = caret$
B. $736 - 197 + 150 = caret$
C. $736 + 197 + 150 = caret$
D. $736 + 197 - 150 = caret$

### Defining Expectations

**3rd Grade**

The TEKS include highly specific building blocks of knowledge and skills for each grade and subject.

### How Parents View Results for Their Students

Each year a student takes the STAAR, parents receive a STAAR report card. They can also see results online at TexasAssessment.com. This allows a parent to see how a student did on the STAAR, review each individual question and answer (including their own child’s answer), and learn how that question is related to a specific grade-level expectation of the TEKS.

### Academic Accountability Indicators

To determine the rating for a campus or district, the state accountability system takes into account a variety of academic indicators – including and beyond STAAR tests – to provide a comprehensive overview for parents and educators.

- AP/IB Exams
- SAT/ACT Exams
- STAAR Tests
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### How We Communicate Results to the Community

District and campus accountability ratings are announced every August. For the most comprehensive look, parents, educators, and community members can visit TXschools.gov. This online resource provides the rating for every school in Texas, including details to spotlight outstanding work at the local level and to identify areas where support may be needed.