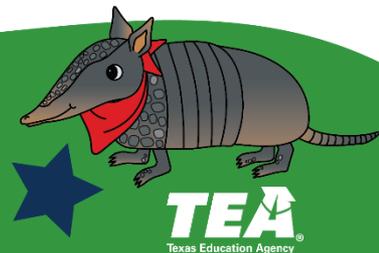
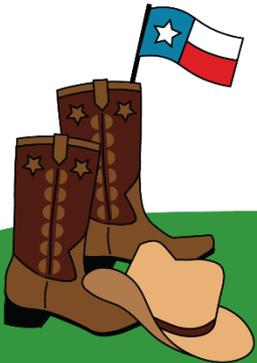


The background is a vibrant illustration of an autumn landscape. On the left, two trees with bright orange and yellow foliage stand on a green hill. A small Texas state flag is planted in the grass between them. In the foreground, a pair of brown cowboy boots and a tan cowboy hat are placed on the grass. A large, bright yellow sun is in the center of the sky, with soft white clouds. On the right, a larger tree with a mix of red, orange, and yellow leaves stands on another green hill. A small brown star is visible on its trunk. In the bottom right corner, a cartoon armadillo is walking towards the left. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, representing the fall season.

# Optional Beginning-of-Year Assessments Overview for Parents

# Topics

- ★ The Basics
- ★ Registration and Test Preparation
- ★ Accessing the Tests
- ★ Seeing Your Child's Test Results
- ★ Resources and Support



# The Basics



# Beginning-of-Year Assessments

## ★ What are beginning-of-year (BOY) assessments?

The beginning-of-year assessments are a free, at-home, optional tool that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is offering to all students.

## ★ What is the purpose of the BOY assessments?

- The results from this activity will show how well your child has mastered grade-level knowledge and skills during the 2019-2020 school year.
- These tests results are solely to help you support your child and will not be used for accountability purposes for your student or school.
- You can use the results as you talk with your child's school about how to best support your student moving forward.

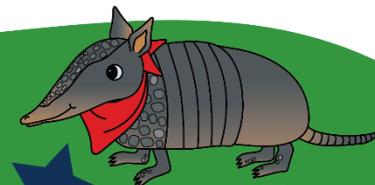
## ★ When are the BOY assessments available?

- The registration window for parents will open Monday August 24, 2020, and will remain open until Friday, September 18, 2020.
- Students will be able to take the test until Friday, September 25, 2020.



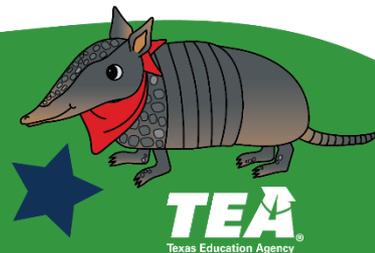
# Online Testing is Recommended

- ★ Your child will have quick and easy access to the tests at home through a web-browser.
- ★ You and your child will be able to see test results immediately after submitting a test.
- ★ Most tools your child needs to take a test are included in the online test.



# Paper Tests Are Available

- ★ Paper tests are available, if requested.
- ★ Pearson will provide access to the testing materials you need to print out for your child to test.
  - Test booklet
  - Answer document
  - Answer key

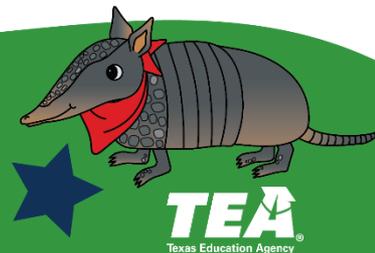


# Available Tests

★ BOY assessments cover the same grades and subjects as STAAR.

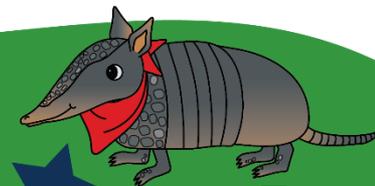
- Grades 3–8 math, including grades 3–5 Spanish versions
- Grades 3–8 reading, including grades 3–5 Spanish versions
- Grades 4 and 7 writing, including grade 4 Spanish version
- Grades 5 and 8 science, including grade 5 Spanish version
- Grade 8 social studies
- Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History

★ The writing tests for grades 4 and 7 and English I and II will not include an essay.



# Available Accessibility Tools

- ★ Your child should use the accessibility tools they routinely and effectively use in the classroom.
- ★ Some of the online tools that your child uses may look or act a bit different.
- ★ One of the best ways to help your child get ready to take the BOY assessments is to have him or her look at the online tutorial.
- ★ The tutorial will show your child how the online test works and how to use the online tools.



# Available Online Tools

The following tools will be available for all tests:

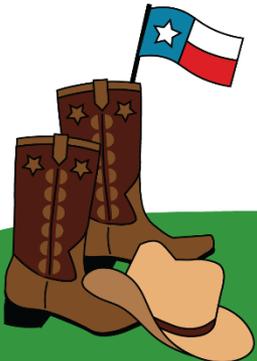
## Tools

- Highlighter
- Notepad
- Help
- Guideline
- Color
- Zoom
- Mark for Review
- Answer Masking
- Answer Eliminator

The following tools will be available for specific content-related tests:

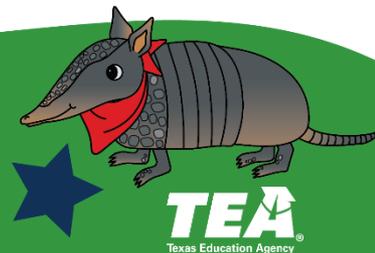
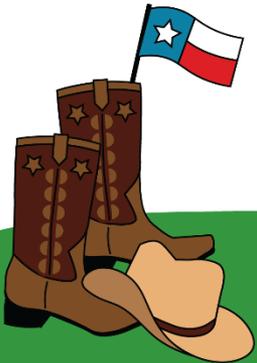
## Tools

- Basic Calculator
- Scientific Calculator
- Graphing Calculator
- Customary Ruler
- Metric Ruler
- Mathematics Reference Materials (i.e., conversions and formulas)
- Science Reference Materials (i.e., formulas and periodic table)



# Accommodations

- ★ Your child should use the accommodations they routinely and effectively use in the classroom.
- ★ A text-to-speech online tool is available for your child if he or she normally receives an oral administration for testing.
  - If you are registering your child for testing, be sure to mark “Yes” for the oral administration question on the registration form.
  - If your district is registering your child for testing, they will indicate an oral administration.
- ★ If your child is testing in grades 3-5 and needs to take the test in Spanish, indicate that on the registration form.



# Test Details

- ★ BOY assessments cover the statewide curriculum—what your child learned during the 2019-2020 school year.
- ★ BOY assessments have a number of test questions similar to their respective STAAR test.
- ★ Your child can pace themselves as necessary to complete a test.

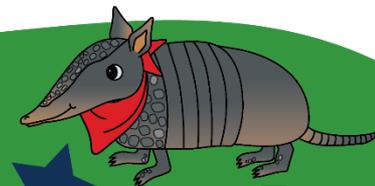


# Registering and Preparing for the Tests



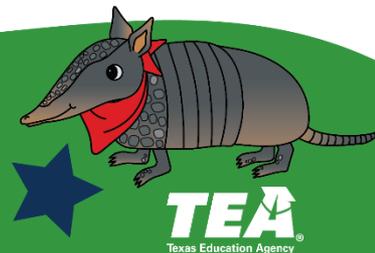
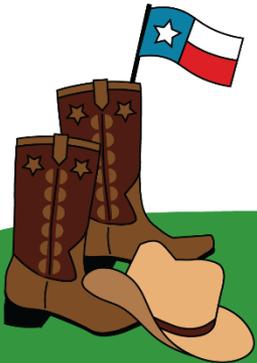
# Registration Information

- ★ The BOY assessments are optional for districts and for parents.
- ★ If your district registers for the BOY assessments, you do not need to register your child.
- ★ If your district chooses not to participate in the BOY assessments, you may choose to test your child.



# Parent Registration

- ★ If you would like your child to take the BOY assessments and they are not registered by your district, you will need to register your student.
- ★ You may register your child by completing the [Parent Registration Form](#).
- ★ You may register your child to test up starting on Monday August 24, 2020 until Friday, September 18, 2020.



# Schoolnet Access—District Registration

If your district has registered your child to test, he or she will follow these steps.

## Step 1



After registering, districts will receive student login information.

## Step 2



District distributes student login information to students or parents.

## Step 3

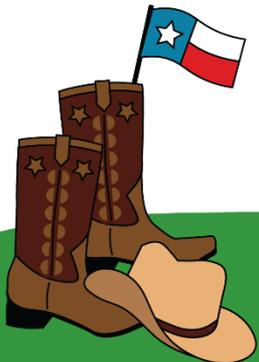


Student will log into the Schoolnet website and enter the username and password provided by the district.

## Step 4



Student will enter the test passcode to begin testing.



# Schoolnet Access—Parent Registration

If you have registered your child to test, he or she will follow these steps.

## Step 1



Parent registers child online at: [Parent Registration Form](#).

## Step 2



Parent receives student login information.

## Step 3

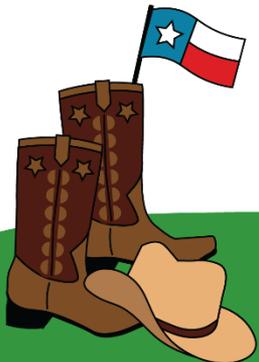


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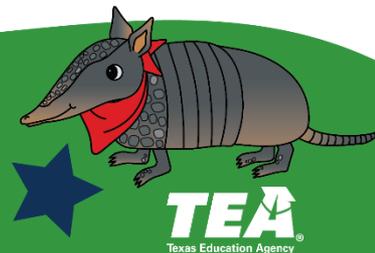
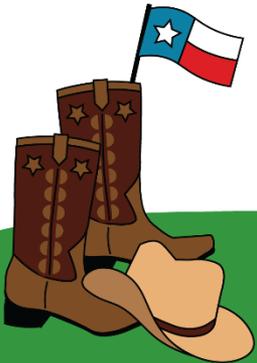


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# Remember...

- ★ If you have more than one child testing, you will need to complete a separate registration form for each student.
- ★ After registering, you can expect to receive an email with your testing instructions, login, and password within 24–36 hours.
- ★ Students will have until **September 25th** to complete their tests.
- ★ Students should only use devices, operating systems, and browsers listed in the *Parent Technical Support* document posted in the [Parent Tools](#) site.



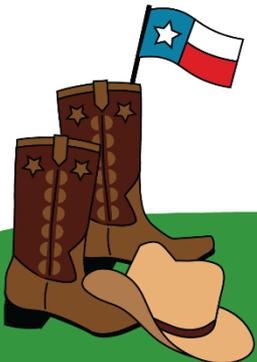
# Test Preparation – Online Tutorial

★ One of the best ways to help your child get ready to take the BOY assessments is to have him or her look at the online tutorial.

- The tutorial will show your child how the online test works and how to use the online tools.
- The tutorial helps make sure your child’s device will work for the BOY assessments.

★ Your child can access the [Student Tutorial](#) through a web browser at:

- <https://tx8.testnav.com/client/index.html#login?username=LGN424158057&password=EC33GZLH>



# During the Online Test

- ★ Your child can ask for help with:
  - understanding test directions
  - how to find and use any of the online tools in the test.
- ★ Your child can use scratch paper on all tests.
- ★ Your child can use a dictionary on all reading and writing tests, including English I and English II tests.

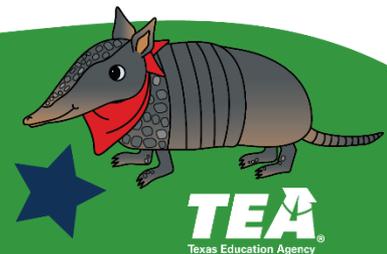
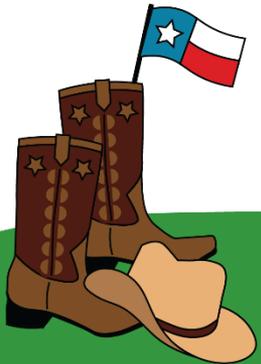


# Accessing the Tests



# Login Information

- ★ After registration is complete, districts or parents will receive login information for their students.
- ★ The login information includes the Schoolnet web address ([tx.schoolnet.com](http://tx.schoolnet.com)) and:
  - username,
  - password, and
  - test passcodes.

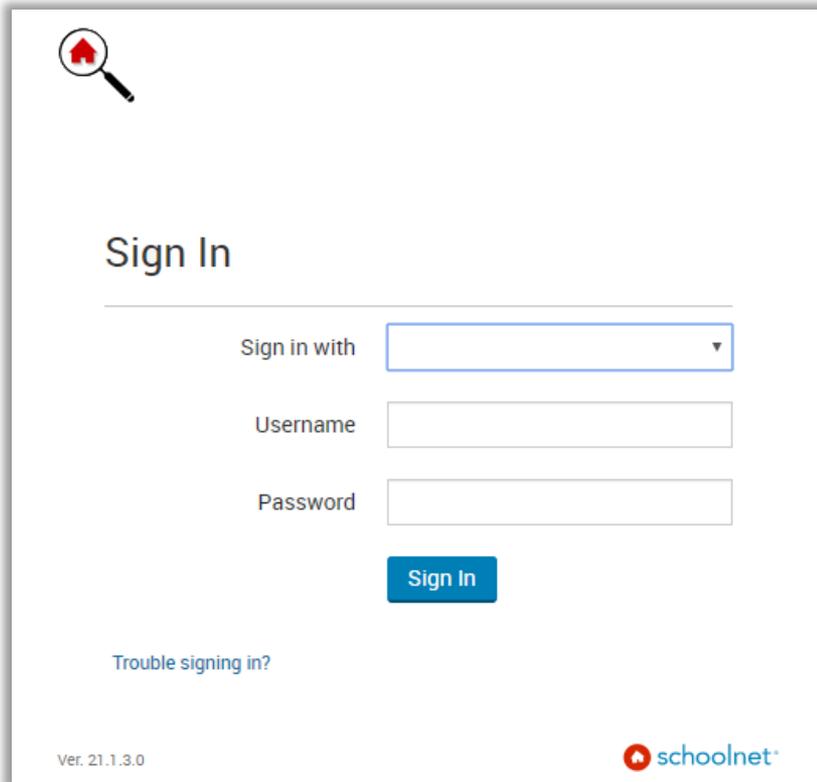


# Go to Schoolnet

- ★ Go to [tx.schoolnet.com](https://tx.schoolnet.com).
- ★ If you (instead of your district) registered your child, your child should select “Parent” in the Sign in with box.
- ★ If your district registered your child, your child should select your district in the Sign in with box.



# Schoolnet Sign In



Sign In

Sign in with

Username

Password

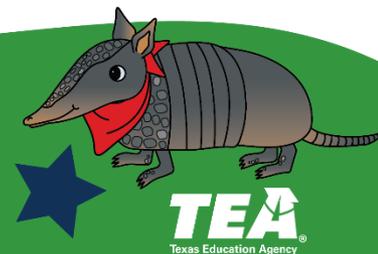
[Sign In](#)

[Trouble signing in?](#)

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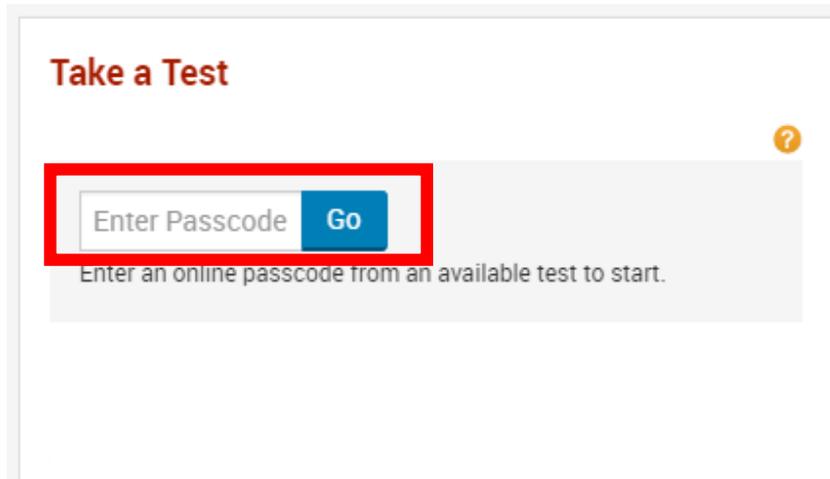
- ★ Your child should type in his or her username.
- ★ Your child should type in his or her password.
- ★ Then, click the **Sign In** button.
- ★ Your child will use this same login information for all tests in Schoolnet.



# Starting a Test in Schoolnet

★ After signing into the homepage in Schoolnet, your child will follow these steps to start the online test.

**Step 1:** Type in a test passcode provided in the *Take a Test* section and click **Go**.

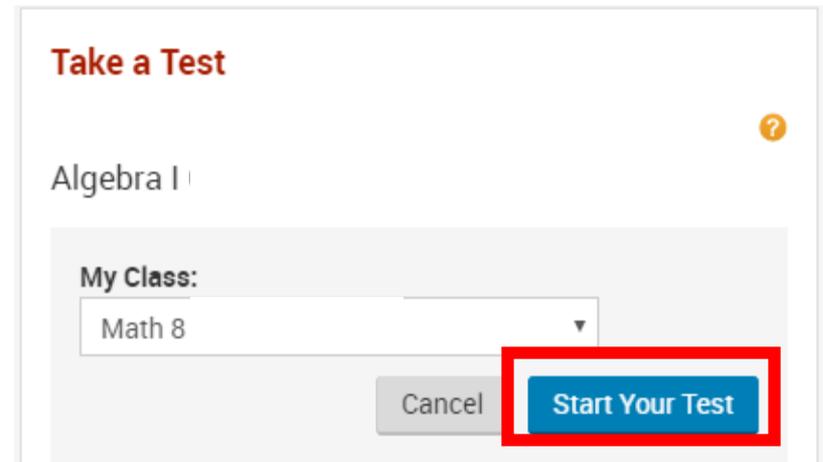


**Take a Test** ?

Enter Passcode **Go**

Enter an online passcode from an available test to start.

**Step 2:** Check that information on screen is correct and click **Start Your Test**.

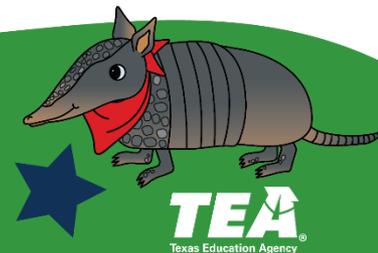
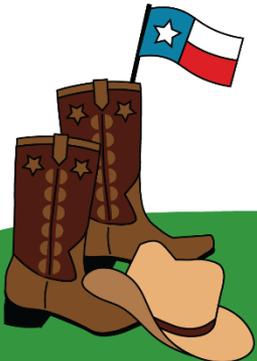


**Take a Test** ?

Algebra I

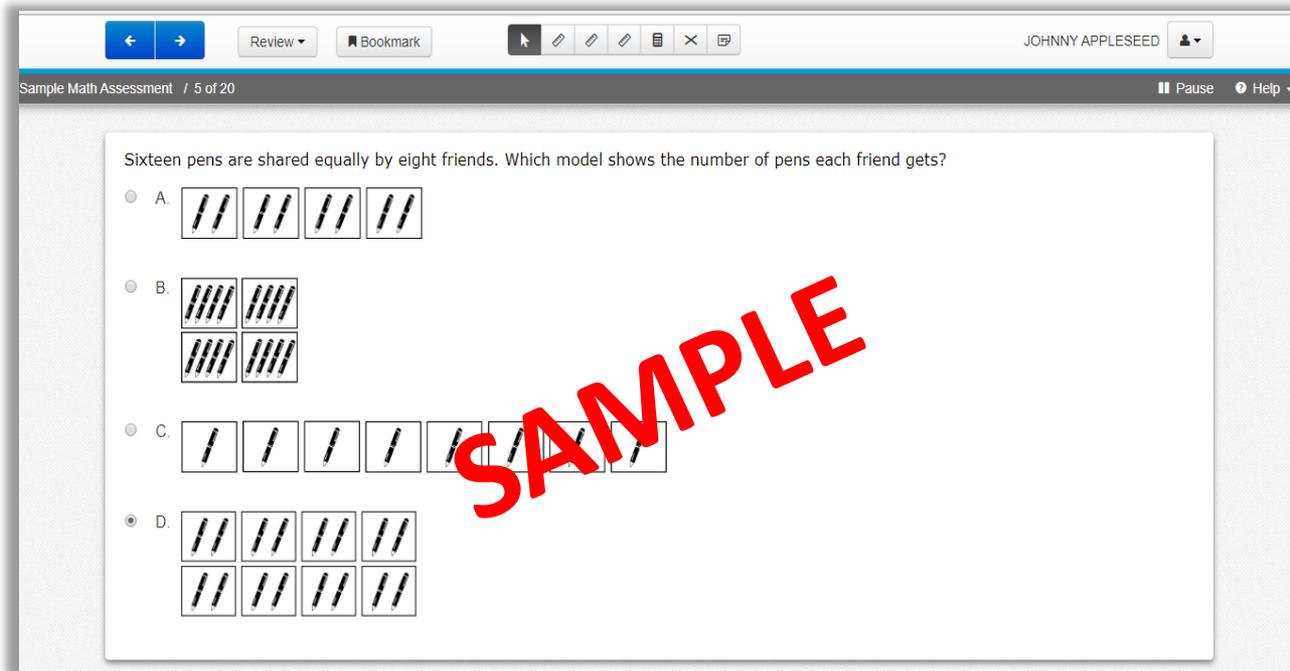
**My Class:**  
Math 8

Cancel **Start Your Test**



# Sample Screen

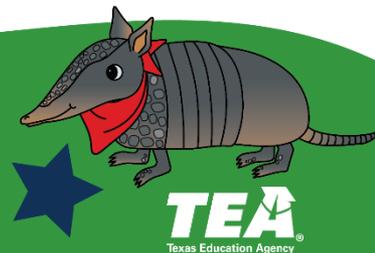
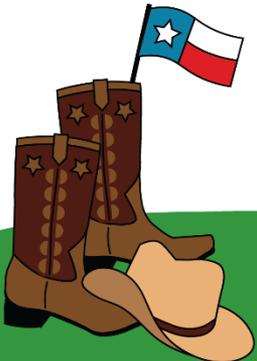
★ The BOY assessment will launch in a web browser.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "JOHNNY APPLESEED" and a user profile icon. The page title is "Sample Math Assessment / 5 of 20". The question asks: "Sixteen pens are shared equally by eight friends. Which model shows the number of pens each friend gets?". There are four options, each with a radio button:

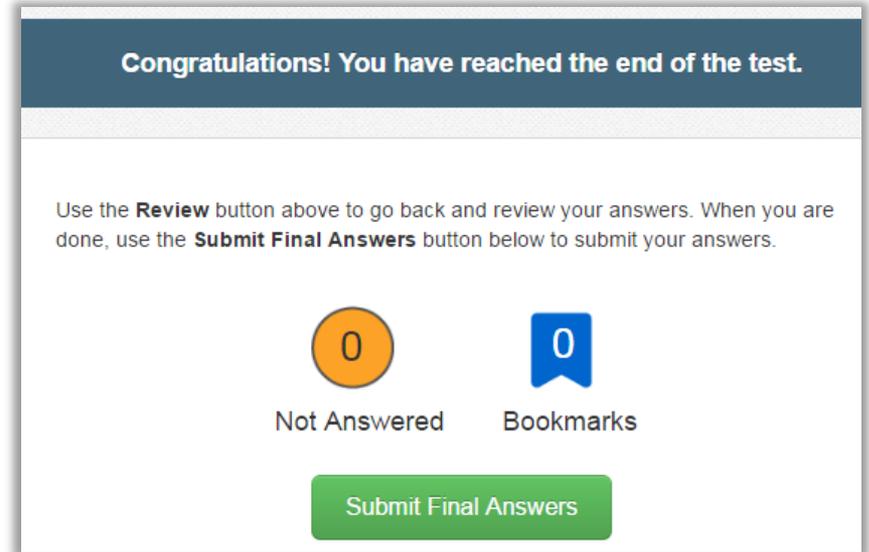
- A. Four boxes, each containing two slanted lines (//).
- B. Two boxes, each containing four slanted lines (////).
- C. Eight boxes, each containing one slanted line (/).
- D. Two rows of four boxes, each containing two slanted lines (//).

A large red "SAMPLE" watermark is overlaid on the right side of the question area.



# Submitting a Test

- ★ After your child answers the last test question, a summary screen will appear.
- ★ This screen shows how many questions are not answered and how many questions are bookmarked.
- ★ It allows your child a chance to review questions that have not been answered or have been flagged.

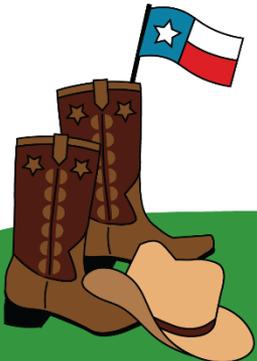


# Confirming Submission of a Test

- ★ After your child clicks the **Submit Final Answers** button, a pop-up window will appear.
- ★ Your child will need to confirm that he or she is ready to submit the test.
- ★ Your child may click:
  - Yes, **Submit Final Answers** or
  - **No, Cancel** to return to the test.

### Test Submit Warning

Are you sure you want to **submit final answers**?  
You will not be able to return to this test.

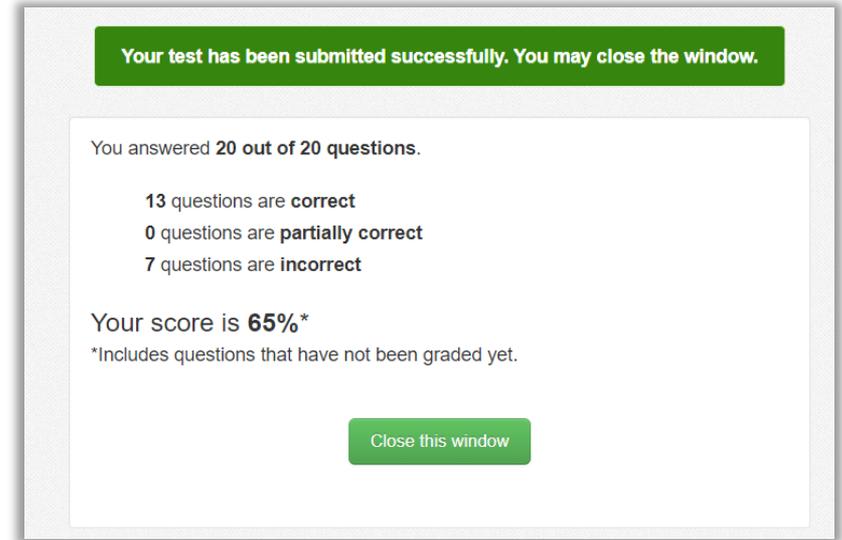


# Seeing Your Child's Test Results



# Test Completion

- ★ After your child confirms submission, a results screen will immediately appear.
- ★ Your child will see
  - how many questions were answered
  - how many questions are correct,
  - how many questions are wrong, and
  - the percent correct.
- ★ No questions will show as partially correct.



Your test has been submitted successfully. You may close the window.

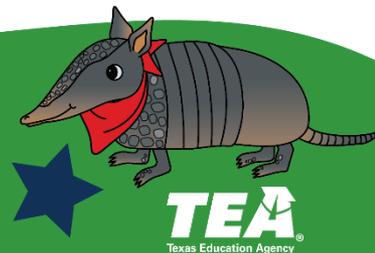
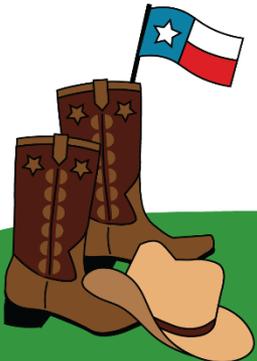
You answered **20 out of 20** questions.

- 13** questions are **correct**
- 0** questions are **partially correct**
- 7** questions are **incorrect**

Your score is **65%\***

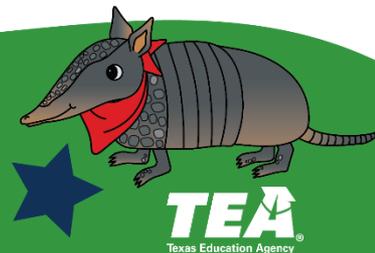
\*Includes questions that have not been graded yet.

Close this window



# Test Results for Online Testing

- ★ When your child closes the test, the system will take him or her back to the student's homepage.
- ★ Students and parents may view detailed test results for each test taken from the student's homepage.
- ★ Test results will include:
  - how a student performed overall on the test,
  - how he or she did on each test question along with the correct answer,
  - images of each test question, and
  - recommended next steps.



# Detailed Test Results

- ★ You may review the additional training presentation titled “Student Results” available in the BOY Assessments page.
- ★ This training presentation will walk you through all the student results information that is available for the BOY assessments in more detail.
- ★ It will also give you information on what the test results mean.



# Resources & Support



# Parent Toolkit

The following resources are available in the Parent Toolkit on the TEA Optional Beginning-of-Year site at:

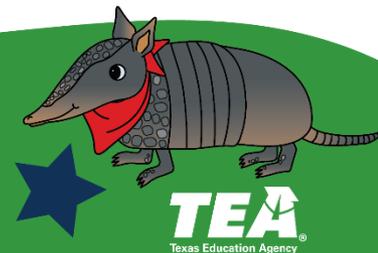
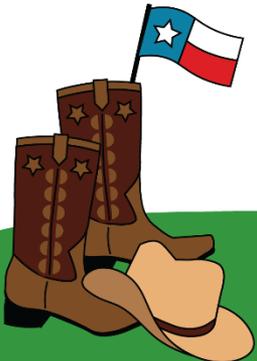
## Parent Tools

★ Online Tutorial

★ Parent FAQ document

★ Parent Technical Support document

★ Student Results presentation



# Questions?

If you have questions, contact the  
Pearson Customer Service Center at:

[Pearson Customer Support Form](#)

or 1-800-627-0225 Monday–Friday  
7:30 am – 5:30 pm CST.



# Thank you!

