

Weighting of STAAR Grade 7 Writing Test

Beginning with the spring 2016 Grade 7 Writing STAAR test, the test was redesigned to fulfill the requirements of House Bill 743 passed in the 84th Texas Legislative Session. The number of multiple-choice questions was reduced to the minimum number of questions to maintain the necessary reliability projections and ensure the assessments are valid and reliable. The summed score of the composition is multiplied by 2 when it is used to calculate a raw scale score.

Below is a table that lists the number of items on the test, the number of raw score points possible, and the percentage of each that comprises the test.

Grade 7 Writing	Number of Items	Number of Raw Score Points Possible	Percentage of Test	Total Number of Raw Score Points Possible
Revision	13	13	28%	46
Editing	17	17	37%	
Written Composition	1 Composition	16 (summed score X 2)	35%	
Total	30 Multiple Choice 1 Composition	46 points	100%	