

STAAR Alternate 2 Grade 8 Science Blueprint

Scientific Investigation and Reasoning Skills is not a separate reporting category. These skills will be incorporated into at least 40% of the test questions from reporting categories 1–4 and will be identified along with the content standards.				
Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Matter and Energy	Readiness Standards	5	4 or 8*	
	Supporting Standards	4		
	Total	9		
Reporting Category 2: Force, Motion, and Energy	Readiness Standards	2	4 or 8*	
	Supporting Standards	5		
	Total	7		
Reporting Category 3: Earth and Space	Readiness Standards	5	4 or 8*	
	Supporting Standards	9		
	Total	14		
Reporting Category 4: Organisms and Environments	Readiness Standards	2	4 or 8*	
	Supporting Standards	11		
	Total	13		
Readiness Standards	Total Number of Standards	14	60%–80%	12–16
Supporting Standards	Total Number of Standards	29	20%–40%	4–8
Total Number of Questions on Test			20	

*Each year one reporting category will consist of eight items and the other three reporting categories will consist of four items.