Content and Language Supports Guidelines

These designated supports are available on State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) and STAAR Spanish online tests in the form of pop-ups, rollovers, prereading text, and supplementary materials. Although STAAR Spanish uses the same guidelines for content and language supports as the English version, some of the accommodations in the pop-ups and rollovers may not be identical due to linguistic differences.

Pop-ups

- isolate specific information in a question that corresponds to each answer choice
- isolate specific text or information in a selection that is referenced in the question or answer choices
- isolate specific information in a graphic or list that is referenced in the question
- define literary terms
- apply an allowable supplemental aid (e.g., graphic organizer, place-value chart, t-chart, graphic of a scientific concept, timeline, map) to specific questions or answer choices
- include the formula from the grade-specific Reference Materials when the question specifies the measure or conversion to be performed
- direct student attention to parts of the grade-specific Reference Materials
- provide clarifying information for a graphic organizer, political cartoon, or map
- provide a visual representation in the selection, question, answer choices, or in the writing prompt by adding graphics, photographs, or animations
- define or clarify construct-irrelevant words, phrases, and sentences using plain language, synonyms, definitions, examples, and consistent language

Rollovers

- bullet or separate steps in a process (e.g., multi-step problem, sequence of events)
- reword complex questions or answer choices to condense text
- reorganize and simplify historical excerpts

Prereads

- offer text before the reading and editing selections (for grades 3–8 reading, English I, and English II only)
Supplementary Materials

- include blank Punnett squares (for Biology only)
- include writing checklists (for English I and English II only)