STAAR®
Grade 3 Reading
2019-2020 and 2020-2021
Test Design
(English and Spanish)

BASE TEST

4-5 SINGLE SELECTIONS
(DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH)

34 TOTAL MC ITEMS

FIELD TEST

SINGLE READING SELECTION

6 MC ITEMS EMBEDDED

OR

WRITING SELECTION*

6 MC ITEMS EMBEDDED

GENRES ASSESSED:
LITERARY
• FICTION
• POETRY
INFORMATIONAL/EXPOSITORY

TOTAL READING LOAD:
BASE TEST APPROX. 2,700 WORDS MAXIMUM
FIELD TEST APPROX. 700 WORDS MAXIMUM

(LENGTH OF INDIVIDUAL SELECTIONS MAY VARY; MAXIMUM READING LOAD IS CONSTANT)

*Writing selection will be either a single revising selection or two short editing selections.