STAAR®
Grade 4 Reading
2019-2020 and 2020-2021
Test Design
(English and Spanish)

BASE TEST

3–4 SINGLE SELECTIONS
(DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH)

PAIRED SELECTION

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36 TOTAL MC ITEMS

FIELD TEST

SINGLE READING SELECTION OR

PAIRED READING SELECTION

PAIRED READING SELECTION OR

WRITING SELECTION*

6 MC ITEMS EMBEDDED

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GENRES ASSESSED:
LITERARY
- FICTION
- POETRY
- DRAMA
INFORMATIONAL/EXPOSITORY

TOTAL READING LOAD:
BASE TEST
APPROX. 3,100 WORDS MAXIMUM

FIELD TEST
APPROX. 800 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.