

STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIRED TESTS FACT SHEET



State-Required Assessments

- State-required assessments are identified in Texas Education Code (TEC), [§39.023](#) and [§39.027](#).
 - TEC, §39.023(a) includes grades 3–8 assessments.
 - TEC, §39.023(b) includes all assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities.
 - TEC, §39.023(c) includes EOC assessments.
 - TEC, §39.023(l) includes grades 3–5 Spanish assessments.
 - TEC, §39.027(e) includes English language proficiency assessments.

- STAAR is required by state law [TEC, §39.023 (a) and (c)] in
 - Grades 3–8 in mathematics,
 - Grades 3–8 in reading,
 - Grades 5 and 8 in science,
 - Grade 8 in social studies, and
 - High school for Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History.

- STAAR Spanish is required by state law [TEC, §39.023(l)] in
 - Grades 3–5 in mathematics,
 - Grades 3–5 in reading, and
 - Grade 5 in science.

- STAAR Alternate 2 is required by state law [TEC, §39.023(b)] in
 - Grades 3–8 in mathematics,
 - Grades 3–8 in reading,
 - Grades 5 and 8 in science, and
 - Grade 8 in social studies.

- TELPAS is required by state law [TEC, §39.027(e)] for English learners (ELs) in kindergarten through grade 12 in
 - Reading,
 - Writing,
 - Listening, and
 - Speaking.

Federal-Required Assessments

- Federal-required assessments are identified in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)](#) (page 23).
 - ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)(aa) requires mathematics and reading or language arts assessments in each of grades 3–8.
 - ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)(bb) requires mathematics and reading or language arts assessments at least once in grade 9–12.
 - ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(II)(aa) requires science assessments not less than one time in grades 3–5.
 - ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(II)(bb) requires science assessments not less than one time in grades 6–9.
 - ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(II)(cc) requires science assessments not less than one time in grades 10–12.
 - ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(D) requires alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards for grades for grades 3–8 and high school in mathematics and reading or language arts.
 - ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(D) requires alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards in science.
 - ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(F) requires academic assessments in languages other than English that are present to a significant extent in the participating student population.
 - ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(G) requires annual English language proficiency assessments for all ELs.