

# STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIRED TESTS FACT SHEET



## State-Required Assessments

- State-required assessments are identified in 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 4 and 7 in writing,
  - 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,
  - Grade 4 in writing, 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 4 and 7 in writing,
  - Grades 5 and 8 in science, and
  - Grade 8 in social studies.
  
- TELPAS is required by state law [TEC §39.027(e)] for ELs in kindergarten through grade 12 in
  - Reading,
  - Writing,
  - Listening, and
  - Speaking.

## Federal-Required Assessments

- Federal-required assessments are identified in [ESEA 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.