

STAAR Alternate 2 Biology Blueprint

Scientific Process Skills is not a separate reporting category. These skills will be incorporated into at least 40% of the test questions from reporting categories 1–5 and will be identified along with the content standards.				
Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Cell Structure and Function	Readiness Standards	3	4	
	Supporting Standards	3		
	Total	6		
Reporting Category 2: Mechanisms of Genetics	Readiness Standards	3	4	
	Supporting Standards	4		
	Total	7		
Reporting Category 3: Biological Evolution and Classification	Readiness Standards	3	4	
	Supporting Standards	6		
	Total	9		
Reporting Category 4: Biological Processes and Systems	Readiness Standards	3	4	
	Supporting Standards	3		
	Total	6		
Reporting Category 5: Interdependence within Environmental Systems	Readiness Standards	4	4	
	Supporting Standards	3		
	Total	7		
Readiness Standards	Total Number of Standards	16	60%–80%	12–16
Supporting Standards	Total Number of Standards	19	20%–40%	4–8
Total Number of Questions on Test			20	