

# Performance Glossary

## Performance

**STAAR:** A comprehensive testing program for public school students in grades 3–8 or high school courses with end-of-course (EOC) assessments. The STAAR program is designed to measure to what extent a student has learned, understood, and is able to apply the concepts and skills expected at each grade level or after completing each course for which an EOC assessment exists. Each STAAR assessment is linked directly to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). The TEKS are the state-mandated content standards that describe what a student should know and be able to do upon completion of a course. For more information on the TEKS, see the *Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills* website at <http://tea.texas.gov/curriculum/teks/>.

### Other Important Information:

*STAAR (with and without accommodations) and STAAR Alternate 2.* The TAPR and the Texas Performance Reporting System (TPRS) include performance on STAAR and STAAR Alternate 2.

*Spanish STAAR.* All STAAR assessments in grades 3, 4, and 5 are available in both English and Spanish. The TAPR and the TPRS include performance on the Spanish STAAR.

*Rounding of STAAR results.* STAAR performance shown on the TAPR and TPRS is rounded to whole numbers. For example, 49.877% is rounded to 50%; 49.4999% is rounded to 49%; and 59.5% is rounded to 60%.

*Masking.* STAAR performance rates are masked when necessary to comply with FERPA. For more information, see the Explanation of Masking at <https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/account/2021/masking.html>.

## STAAR Performance

The STAAR Performance section displays performance results by grade, subject and performance level for students in the accountability subset, which are students enrolled in the same district/campus on both the snapshot date (PEIMS October snapshot) and the testing date. The STAAR Performance—All Students section of the TPRS displays STAAR performance by grade, subject, and performance level and includes all students tested, regardless of whether they were in the accountability subset.

### STAAR:

Grade 3 – reading and mathematics

Grade 4 – reading, mathematics, and writing

Grade 5 – reading (for 2019, first and second administration cumulative), mathematics (for 2019, first and second administration cumulative), and science

Grade 6 – reading and mathematics

Grade 7 – reading, mathematics, and writing

Grade 8 – reading (for 2019, first and second administration cumulative), mathematics (for 2019, first and second administration cumulative), science, and social studies

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## *End-of-Course (EOC):*

English I

English II

Algebra I

Biology

U.S. History

## *Accelerated Testers:*

SAT/ACT

*Percentage at Approaches Grade Level or Above.* The percentage of assessments that met or exceeded the Approaches Grade Level standard.

*Percentage at Meets Grade Level or Above.* The percentage of assessments that met or exceeded the Meets Grade Level standard.

*Percentage at Masters Grade Level.* The percentage of assessments that met the Masters Grade Level standard.

*STAAR Performance Rate by Enrolled Grade at Meets Grade Level or Above on Both Reading and Mathematics.* The percentage of students who took both the reading and mathematics STAAR and met or exceeded the Meets Grade Level standard on both assessments (excluding EOC assessments).

*STAAR Performance Rate by Enrolled Grade at Meets Grade Level or Above on Both Reading and Mathematics Including EOC.* The percentage of students who took both the reading and mathematics STAAR or EOC and met or exceeded the Meets Grade Level standard on both assessments.

*STAAR Performance Rate by Enrolled Grade at Meets Grade Level or Above on Reading Including EOC.* The percentage of students who took the reading STAAR or the English I or II EOC and met or exceeded the Meets Grade Level standard.

*STAAR Performance Rate by Enrolled Grade at Meets Grade Level or Above on Mathematics Including EOC.* The percentage of students who took the mathematics STAAR or the Algebra I EOC and met or exceeded the Meets Grade Level standard.

## **Progress (Academic Growth and STAAR Progress Measure)**

*Due to the lack of 2020 STAAR results, Academic Growth was not calculated for 2021.*

*School Progress Domain—Academic Growth Score.* Growth score awarded in School Progress, Part A: Academic Growth for improving performance year over year as measured by STAAR progress measures and performance levels on STAAR.

*STAAR Progress Measure Percent at Expected or Accelerated Growth.* The percentage of assessments that met or exceeded the STAAR progress measure expectations. See Chapter 3 of the [2019 Accountability Manual](#) for more information.

*STAAR Progress Measure Percent at Accelerated Growth.* The percentage of assessments that exceeded the STAAR progress measure expectations. See Chapter 3 of the [2019 Accountability Manual](#) for more information.

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*Percent of Students Maintaining or Improving Compared to Prior Year Performance Level.* The percentage of students that maintained or improved their STAAR performance levels this year in comparison with last year. Students are included in the performance level achieved in the prior year.

## Bilingual Education/ESL

**Bilingual Education (BE):** Dual-language program that enables emergent bilingual (EB) students/English learners (ELs) to become proficient in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the English language through the development of literacy and academic skills in the primary language and English. This category includes the following:

- *BE Trans Early Exit.* Bilingual program model in which students identified as EB students/ELs are served in both English and another language and are prepared to meet reclassification criteria to be successful in English-only instruction not earlier than two or later than five years after the student enrolls in school.
- *BE Trans Late Exit.* Bilingual program model in which students identified as EB students/ELs are served in both English and another language and are prepared to meet reclassification criteria to be successful in English-only instruction not earlier than six or later than seven years after the student enrolls in school.
- *BE Dual Two-Way.* Bilingual/biliteracy program model in which students identified as EB students/ELs are integrated with non-EB/non-EL students and are served in both English and another language and are prepared to meet reclassification criteria in order to be successful in English-only instruction not earlier than six or later than seven years after the student enrolls in school. This model provides ongoing instruction in literacy and academic content in English and another language with at least half of the instruction delivered in the non-English program language for the duration of the program.
- *BE Dual One-Way.* Bilingual/biliteracy program model in which students identified as EB students/ELs are served in both English and another language and are prepared to meet reclassification criteria in order to be successful in English-only instruction not earlier than six or later than seven years after the student enrolls in school. This model provides ongoing instruction in literacy and academic content in the students' primary language as well as English, with at least half of the instruction delivered in the students' primary language for the duration of the program.

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**English as a Second Language (ESL):** An English acquisition program that enables emergent bilingual (EB) students/English learners (ELs) to become proficient in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the English language through the integrated use of second language acquisition methods. This category includes the following:

- *ESL Content-Based.* An English acquisition program that serves students identified as EB students/ELs through English instruction by a teacher appropriately certified in ESL under TEC, §29.061(c), through English language arts and reading, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- *ESL Pull-Out.* An English program that serves students identified as EB students/ELs through English instruction provided by an appropriately certified ESL teacher under the TEC, §29.061(c), through English language arts and reading. Instruction shall be provided by the ESL teacher in a pull-out or inclusionary delivery model.

**Alternative Language Program (ALP):** An alternative language program provided to emergent bilingual (EB) students/English learners (ELs) for whom the local education agency (LEA) does not have the appropriately certified teachers for the required bilingual education or English as a second language (ESL) program for the current school year. This category includes the following:

- *ALP Bilingual (Exception).* An alternative language program to the required bilingual education (BE) program approved by the TEA for the current school year due to the LEA's submission of a bilingual education exception application.
- *ALP ESL (Waiver).* An alternative language program to the required English as a second language (ESL) program approved by the TEA for the current school year due to the LEA's submission of an ESL waiver application.

**English Learner (EL):** The count and percentage of students whose primary language is other than English and who are in the process of acquiring English. As a result of the 87th Texas Legislature, the term "emergent bilingual student" replaced the term of "limited English proficient (LEP) student" used in the Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 29, Subchapter B, and thus, will be changing the term of "English learner (EL)" used in 19 TAC Chapter 89, Subchapter BB. These terms describe the same group of Texas students. In the revised Texas Education Data Standards (TEDS), the terms of "emergent bilingual" and "English learner" have been bridged as EB/EL. The term "English learner" is still used in federal regulations and guidance. This category includes:

- *EL with Parental Denial.* Students identified as emergent bilingual (EB) students/English learners (ELs) whose parents have denied all bilingual and ESL program services.
- *Never EL.* Students who have never been identified as EB students/ELs (non-EB/non-EL students).
- *Total EL (Current).* Students currently identified as EB students/ELs, including those served in a standard or alternative bilingual or ESL program as well as those with a parental denial of services.
- *Monitored & Former EL.* Students who were once identified as EB students/ELs but have reclassified as English proficient, including students within their four years of state and federal monitoring and those beyond monitoring years.