

# **STAAR Orientation**

## **for Parents and Community Members**

*November 3, 2011*

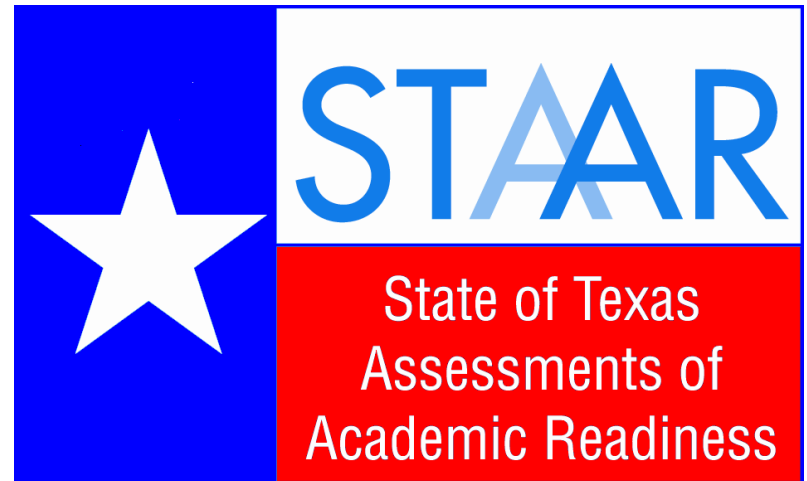


# Purpose

- General Information about STAAR
  - Transition to STAAR
    - Resources

# STAAR

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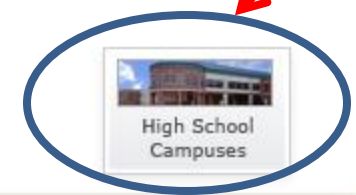
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# STAAR Overview



Follow along with Carol Gautier as she gives us an overview of the new STAAR Assessment.

- ## STAAR
- STAAR Overview
  - STAAR - K-3 Writing
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# Evolution of State Assessments

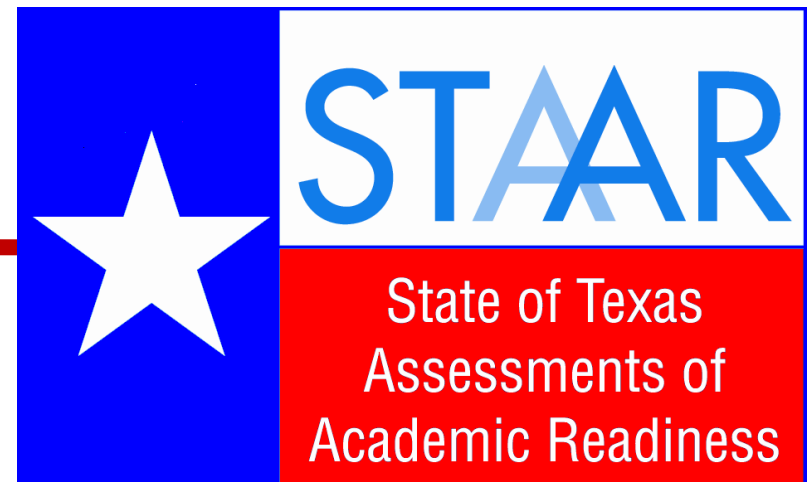
**TABS (1980-1984)**

**TEAMS (1984-1990)**

**TAAS (1991-2003)**

**TAKS (2003-2011)**

**STAAR (2012...)**





# TAKS to STAAR

Plan for phase-out of TAKS and phase-in of STAAR

	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016
<b>GR 3–8</b>	<b>TAKS</b>	<b>STAAR</b>	<b>STAAR</b>	<b>STAAR</b>	<b>STAAR</b>	<b>STAAR</b>
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<b>GR 11</b>	<b>TAKS</b>	<b>TAKS</b>	<b>TAKS</b>	<b>STAAR</b>	<b>STAAR</b>	<b>STAAR</b>
<b>GR 12 &amp; Out-of-School Students</b>	<b>TAKS</b>	<b>TAKS</b>	<b>TAKS</b>	<b>TAKS</b>	<b>STAAR or TAKS</b>	<b>STAAR or TAKS</b>



# STAAR



- **For grades 3–8; same grades and subjects as TAKS**
  - ❖ Grades 3–8 mathematics
  - ❖ Grades 3–8 reading
  - ❖ Grades 4 and 7 writing
  - ❖ Grades 5 and 8 science
  - ❖ Grade 8 social studies
  
- **For high school, 12 End of Course tests replace 10 grade-level tests**
  - ❖ Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
  - ❖ Biology, Chemistry, Physics
  - ❖ English I, English II, English III
  - ❖ World Geography, World History, U.S. History



# STAAR

- STAAR will:
  - Provide a more clearly articulated assessment program
  - Focus on fewer skills
  - Address those skills in a deeper manner
  
- STAAR will have two types of standards:
  - Readiness
  - Supporting



# STAAR

- Readiness Standards
  - Encompass 30–40% of the eligible TEKS
  - Will make up 60–65% of the assessment
- Supporting Standards
  - Encompass 60–70% of the eligible TEKS
  - Will make up 35–40% of the assessment
- Processing Skills are embedded throughout the assessments



# STAAR

- TEA is planning multiple administrations of EOC assessments for
  - Students who complete the course at different times of the year and for Retest opportunities.
- EOC administrations will occur at the end of
  - Spring
  - Summer
  - Fall



# STAAR HIGHLIGHTS

- **Changes to Note:**
  - Time limit on all STAAR tests
    - 4 hour testing window
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will answer on a Scranton answer document
  - More rigorous than TAKS
  - Emphasis on alignment to college and career readiness
  - EOC STAAR will count 15% of student's final grade for the course.



# READING/ELA

(Grades 3-8, English I, II, & III)

- Students may be tested on a variety of text:
  - fiction
  - non-fiction
  - expository
  - poetry
  - drama
- All Junior High and High School students are permitted to use a dictionary/thesaurus.



# WRITING

## (Grades 4, 7, & 9)

- Two parts to the writing assessments
  - Objective-multiple choice
  - Written-essay
- Multiple essays
- Limited to one page (or 26 lines) per essay
- Two day test administration



# SCIENCE

(Grades 5, 8, Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

- Assessments cover multiple years of TEKS
  - Grade 5 STAAR (grades 3-5)
  - Grade 8 STAAR (grades 6-8)
- Increased number of griddable items
- Students must make predictions

End-of-Course Assessments

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# SOCIAL STUDIES



(Grade 8, World Geography, U.S. History, World History)

- Stimulus questions:
  - Maps
  - Charts
  - Photos
  - Paintings
  - Excerpts
- Students must apply content knowledge to the stimulus



# MATHEMATICS

(Grades 3-8, Algebra I, II & Geometry)

- Increased number of griddable items
- Multi-step problems
- 75% of test contains underlying processing skills

End-of-Course Assessments

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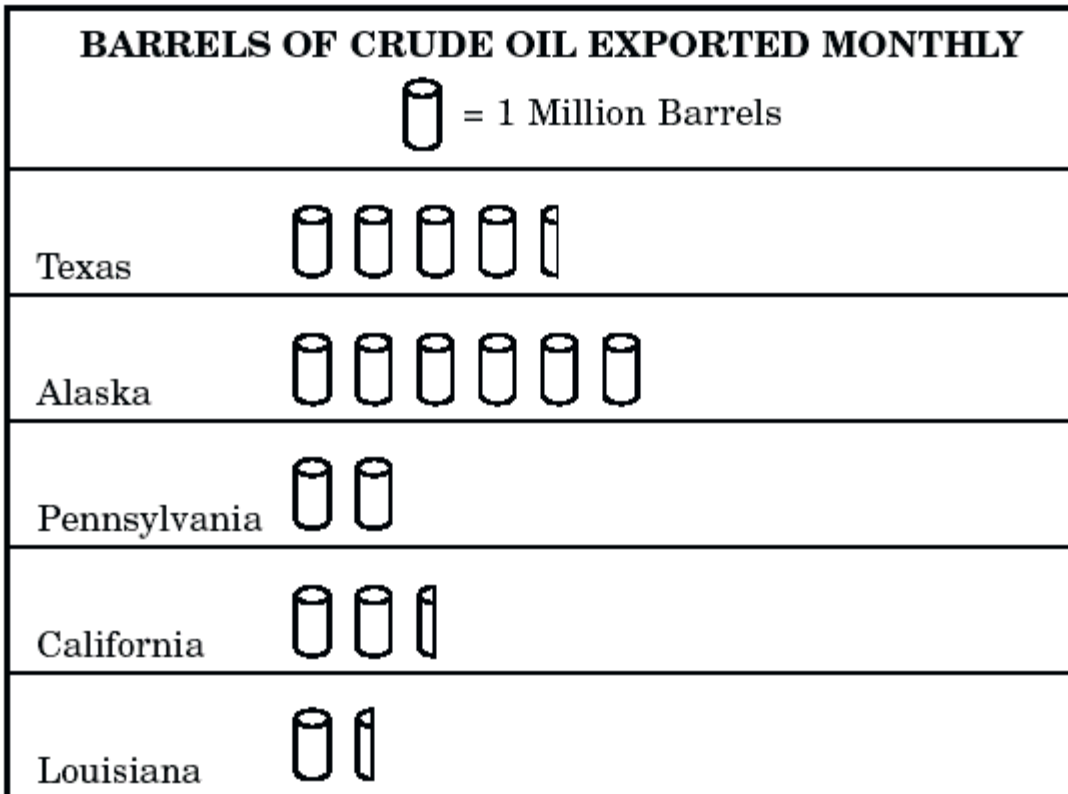
# How State Assessments Have Changed



Sample questions from **Exit Level** Math:

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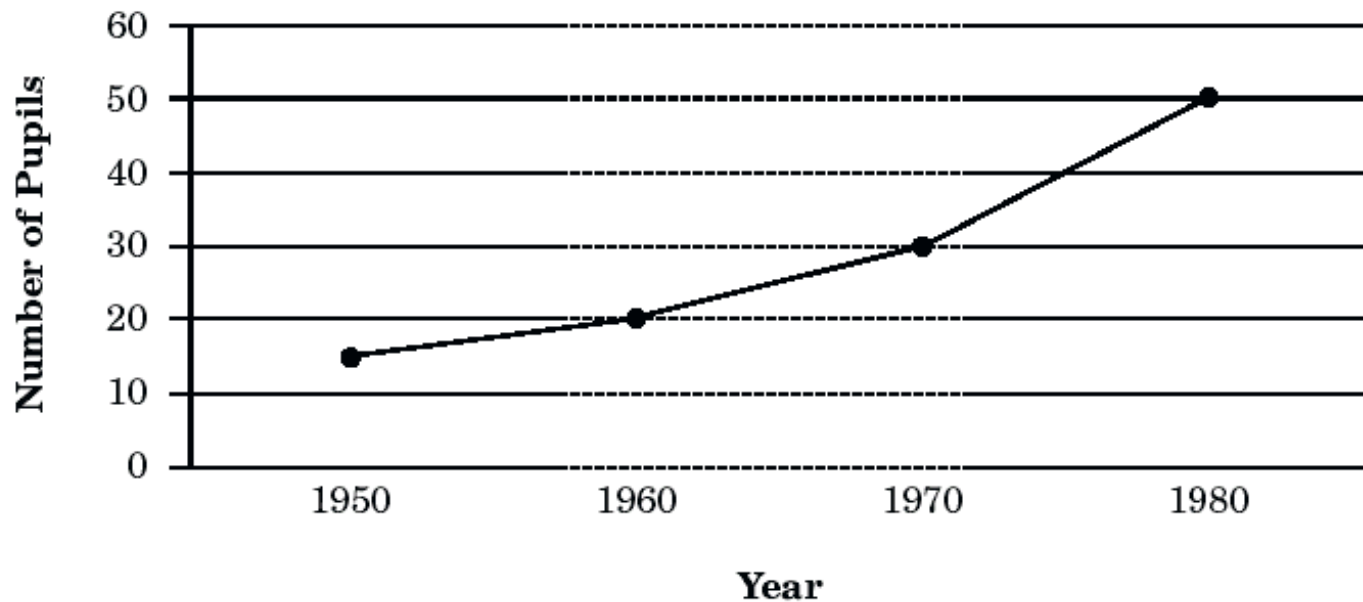
To Graduate!



Which state exports the least amount of barrels of crude oil monthly?

- A** Louisiana
- B** Texas
- C** Alaska
- D** Pennsylvania

## Enrollment in Britton Pre-School



In 1970, tuition at Britton Pre-School was \$300 per pupil. According to this graph, how much money was collected in 1970?

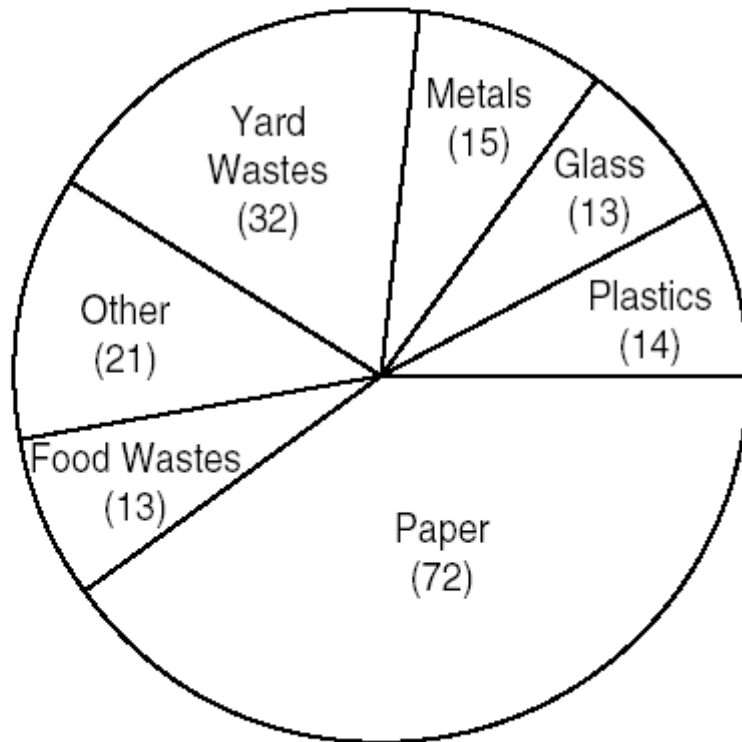
- A \$9000
- B \$900
- C \$600
- D \$6000

# TEAMS

The graph shows the types and amounts of solid waste produced in the United States in 1988.

# TAAS

Municipal Solid Waste — 1988  
(millions of tons)



Total Weight = 180 million tons

What percent of the total solid waste was paper?

A 25%

B  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$

**C 40%**

D  $66\frac{2}{3}\%$

E 72%

The student council sponsor is planning to make a circle graph showing the number of votes for each of the candidates for student council president. The table below indicates the name and the vote count for each candidate.

Number of Votes per Candidate

Bridget	240
Hakeem	420
Maria	180
Viera	300
Tony	60

What central angle should the sponsor use for the section representing the votes for the student who finished in third place?

A  $54^\circ$

**B  $72^\circ$**

C  $90^\circ$

D  $126^\circ$

**TAKS**

# STAAR

Which of the following is the correct description of the graph of a quadratic function given by  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c, a \neq 0$  ?

- A** If  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$  then the graph of the function intersects the x-axis twice.
- B** If  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$  then the graph of the function does not intersect the y-axis.
- C** If  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$  then the graph does not intersect the x-axis.
- D** If  $\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} < 0$  then the graph does not intersect the x-axis.



# Additional STAAR Assessments

## **STAAR Spanish Grades 3-5**

(Eligible English Language Learners)

## **STAAR L**

(Eligible English Language Learners)

## **STAAR Modified**

(Special Ed)

## **STAAR Alternate**

(Special Ed)



# STAAR L

## Assessments for English Language Learners (ELL)

- Linguistically accommodated versions of STAAR
  - Math, science, social studies
  - Grades 3 – 8 and End of Course (EOC)
  - No STAAR L for reading and writing
- Possible accommodations
  - Bilingual dictionary
  - Extra time to test
  - Clarification in English
  - Text read aloud



# STAAR Assessments for Students Receiving Special Education Services

- ▶ Students in grades 3 through 11 who are eligible for an alternate assessment based on alternate academic achievement standards will take one of the following:
  - ▶ STAAR Modified
  - ▶ STAAR Alternate
- ▶ Eligible students will have accommodations on STAAR based on the Individual Education Plan (IEP).



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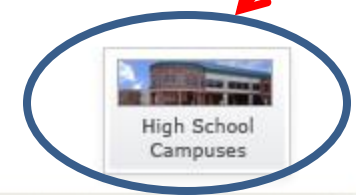
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### Parent Resources

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Generally there are two types of standardized tests, norm-referenced and criterion referenced. Norm-referenced tests compare an individual student's results with other students' performance. It is often reported in terms of performing above average, on average or below average as compared to other students. Criterion-referenced exams compare a student's performance against a standard. Students are held accountable of meeting a performance standard and results are reported as such. STAAR is a criterion-referenced test that measures a student's performance against the curriculum standards, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for a subject area.

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Do all kids take the STAAR? When do they take it?



Why are we changing the state assessment?



What is a passing score?



How important is STAAR in terms of passing a grade level?

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# Questions

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