



State Testing Requirements

Beginning in the 2011–12 school year, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) replaces the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) which is the criterion-referenced assessment program that has been in place since 2003. STAAR is a more rigorous assessment program that will provide the foundation for a new accountability system for Texas public education. STAAR focuses on readiness for success in subsequent grades or courses and places a greater emphasis on alignment to college and career readiness.

Both TAKS and STAAR are based on the *Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)*, the state-mandated curriculum guidelines that establish what every student, from elementary through high school, should know and be able to do.

The new STAAR grade 3-8 assessments are in the same grades and subjects as TAKS: 3-8 mathematics; 3-8 reading; 4 and 7 writing; 5 and 8 science; and 8 social studies.



Required Tests for Graduates 2015 and Beyond

STAAR (End-of-Course) will be required for students entering the 9th grade in Fall 2011. Students will take the tests at the end of the Spring semester in the courses listed below

- English I, English II, English III
- Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- World Geography, World History, U.S. History

Phase-Out of TAKS and Phase-In of STAAR EOC

	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011	2011 -2012	2012 -2013	2013 -2014	2014 -2015
Grade 9	TAKS	TAKS	STAAR EOC	STAAR EOC	STAAR EOC	STAAR EOC
Grade 10	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	STAAR EOC	STAAR EOC	STAAR EOC
Grade 11	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	STAAR EOC	STAAR EOC
Grade 12	TAKS*	TAKS*	TAKS*	TAKS*	TAKS*	STAAR EOC or TAKS*

*Out-of-school testers and 12th grade re-testers

More information is available on the TEA website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/>

Additional updates throughout the year will be posted to Katy ISD and Campus websites at <http://www.katyisd.org/Pages/default.aspx>

