

STAAR EOC Testing Information Spring 2021

Federal and state laws require public school districts to administer state assessments. State assessments, such as STAAR and EOCs, involve confidential testing materials that must be administered in secure testing environments.

You may be aware that some media outlets recently reported that students in virtual learning programs are not required to report to their campus for state assessments. However, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has informed school districts that they are required to take steps to encourage remote/virtual learners to participate in state assessments.

Katy ISD has developed a [Spring Testing Schedule](#) designed to enhance existing campus safety protocols. The schedule allows for additional spacing among students, and additional onsite staff support during STAAR and EOC testing through the utilization of the District's [Intermittent School to Home \(ISH\) Virtual Instruction](#) model. During testing timeframes, specific grade levels will transition to ISH on days outlined in the schedule to support increased social distancing practices. All Katy ISD students are encouraged to participate in state assessments this spring in the safest testing environment possible.

STAAR-EOC- Absences

TEA requires public school districts to mark a student absent if they are not present to participate in a state assessment. However, should a parent choose to not send their in person or virtual student to school to take a state assessment, there are no academic consequences and no expectation for students to engage in virtual instruction for being absent on an assessment day. ***However, for graduation requirements, students must meet standard on all five EOC subjects - English I, English II, Biology, Algebra I, and U.S. History to be eligible to graduate. Missing a STAAR EOC testing opportunity will potentially impact meeting the graduation testing requirement outlined by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Further, students must attempt to test to be eligible to utilize substitute assessments and/or graduate by Individual Graduation Committee (IGC).***

Students enrolled in self-contained specialized programs will be permitted to attend class on campus.

KVA Students- STAAR/EOC Testing Information

- **KVA students may ride district transportation** to and from their campus on their scheduled campus STAAR administration day(s). KVA parents may pick up their KVA students to transport home prior to the end of the school day. KVA

students may opt to stay at the campus and ride the bus home after school hours; however, students will be placed in a large room setting after the assessment.

- KVA testing students are **eligible for meals** served on the scheduled STAAR administration days.
- Students are **required to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols** including the wearing of a facial covering when on campus and participating in the STAAR assessments.
- Students will report to their home campus on the specific testing days as noted by the home campus. Eligible test takers who do not participate in testing will have an answer document submitted which will reflect this decision.

STAAR EOC FAQs

Do I have to take the STAAR at all if I'm KVA?

Yes, the state has not waived graduation requirements tied to STAAR EOC tests for 2021.

If I don't want to come to school to take the STAAR EOC this spring, when will I take it?

If you do not take the test you are scheduled for this spring, you can either register to take the EOC in the summer or you will be automatically registered to take the missing EOC in December of 2021.

Can I take the EOC at home online if I'm already KVA?

No, all State assessments, such as the STAAR EOCs, involve confidential testing materials that must be administered in secure testing environments.

I thought that I read that all accountability has been waived for this year. Why would I have to take the STAAR EOC?

School accountability grading has been waived, but graduation requirements have not. You still have to meet standard on all 5 STAAR EOC tests to be eligible for graduation.

The Chronicle told me that virtual students do not have to test. Why do I still have to take the EOC?

Virtual students in elementary and junior high are not required to come up to school to test in Spring 2021. The article mentions briefly that "high school students are still required to take their End of Course exams in person to graduate."

What safety measures are you taking during EOC testing?

- Non-testing students will not be on campus during testing.
- Testing rooms will be smaller sizes.

- Lunches will be grab-n-go AFTER testing is complete, students will not be gathered in the cafeteria for lunch.
- All students will abide by the KISD Smart Restart safety protocols including wearing face coverings at all times.

Do I have to come to school on STAAR EOC day?

All students who are scheduled to take an EOC test must come to school on STAAR day. If you are NOT scheduled to take a test, you will stay home for asynchronous learning through Canvas.

Why can't I take the STAAR at home?

The STAAR exams involve confidential testing materials that must be administered in secure testing environments at school.

Will I be behind if I don't take the STAAR this year?

It's best to take the STAAR EOC test while you are sitting in the class for that test. If you wait to take the test for the first time at a later date, you are not as prepared and the material is not fresh in your mind. You have to meet standard on all 5 EOC exams to meet graduation requirements. For example, if you are a junior, and you do not take the US History EOC this spring, you will not take your EOC until your senior year. Delaying a test until you are a senior could endanger your graduation date.

Is there a make-up day if I miss the test?

There will be a make-up day on campus during the week testing is scheduled. If you do not attend that make-up date, you will need to sign up for summer testing or you will make up the test in December 2021.

Do I need to make up a test from 2019-2020?

If you passed the course you were supposed to take an EOC test for in Spring 2020 or Summer 2020, you received a Covid Waiver. The Covid Waiver also counted towards your EOC graduation requirements and you will not have to take the corresponding EOC. If you DID NOT pass the class (Alg 1, Bio, Eng 1, Eng 2, USH) in Spring 2020 or Summer 2020, you were invited to take the EOC in December of 2020 and will be signed up to test during each testing opportunity until the EOC has been passed.

High School State Assessment Schedule

- Non-Testers will be Intermittent School to Home (KVA & in-person non-testing students will learn from home through Canvas).
- The full AP schedule will be communicated by each campus.

April 6	April 8	April 13	May 4	May 5	May 6
English I EOC	English II EOC	SAT 11th Grade	Algebra I EOC	US History EOC	Biology EOC
			AP Calculus AB	AP English Literature and Composition	AP United States History
			AP Calculus BC	AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based	AP Art History
			AP German Language and Culture	AP Japanese Language & Culture	AP Computer Science A
			AP Human Geography		