



Answers to Parents' Frequently Asked Questions about STAAR

General

1. Why is STAAR important?

STAAR measures key grade level concepts and skills that students need to learn to stay on track from year to year. This cumulative test is administered at the end of the year to allow teachers to see how much a student has learned over the past year and where they may still need support. STAAR measures how well students met the grade level expectations determined by the Texas State Board of Education in partnership with educators, in each subject. It shows how prepared a student is for the next grade level, and where they may need additional support to accelerate learning.

STAAR is only one way to measure learning. It provides a full-picture when combined with report card grades, teacher input, and classwork.

2. Why are students required to take STAAR?

The results of the STAAR test will identify or “diagnose” the gaps in learning so that teachers, families and students can focus on those specific areas where students need more support to accelerate learning both at home and at school.

The information from STAAR, along with other measures, guides the creation of plans for students to receive accelerated instruction and support.

Scoring and Results

1. When will families receive their child's STAAR scores from Spring, 2024?

Both End-of-Course (EOC) and scores for grades 3-8 will be available in the family portal on June 14.

Instructions for viewing student STAAR score reports:

- Log into *Skyward Family Access*
- Click *District Links*.
- Then click *TEA Assessment*.
- Next, you will see a link for each student in your family who took a STAAR test.
- Click the link for each child in your family to view STAAR results. Reports include:
 - Scores for each subject tested in your child's grade level.
 - Descriptions for areas of strength and areas of need.
 - Actual STAAR test questions and the child's response to each test item.
 - Resources that can be used at home over the remainder of the summer.
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2. What are the passing scores for each test?

For information about passing scores for each test visit the [Raw Score Conversion Tables](#) webpage and select the test and year you would like to view. To learn more about understanding your child's score visit the [Texas Assessment](#) website.

3. Why do high school students have to take an EOC retest if they did not pass an EOC?

STAAR End-of-Course exams are a graduation requirement in the State of Texas. As such, students must pass EOC exams in English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and US History. Students are provided with three EOC testing opportunities each school year in December, April/May, and June. Some exceptions are available for seniors through an Individual Graduation Committee (IGC). Please contact your child's counselor if you have questions regarding graduation and IGC requirements.

Access to Results

1. What is the unique access code?

The first time a student takes a STAAR test, they receive a unique access code, which stays the same throughout the student's time in a Texas public school. It is different from the district or school-issued student ID, and is only used to access your child's information at TexasAssessment.gov.

2. How do I find my child's unique access code?

Joshua ISD has enabled single sign-on through Skyward, which no longer requires you to use your child's access code to review their results online. Follow the instructions above to access your child's score report through a Skyward link.

3. What if the Skyward link does not work? Is there another way to see the scores?

Yes. If the link in Skyward does not work, instructions for accessing the scores through the TEA Portal are here in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

4. Is STAAR performance information available in Spanish?

Yes. When families log in, there is a button at the top of the website to translate the information into Spanish. The STAAR paper report is also available in Spanish to students who qualify.

For additional information, click this TEA link for [Assessment Resources for Students and Parents](#).

Link to the [Texas Education Agency FAQ](#) on STAAR

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