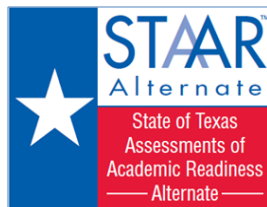


### Will students who receive special education services take the STAAR?

The admission, review & dismissal (ARD) committee for a student who receives special education services will determine the appropriate test. Some students will take the general STAAR EOC.

Others will take the STAAR EOC Modified, which covers the same content as the general STAAR but uses a modified format and test design, such as fewer answer choices and simpler sentence structure and vocabulary.



STAAR Alternate will be available for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

Students taking the STAAR EOC Modified or Alternate will be graduating under the Minimum Graduation Plan and their completion of a passing standard is at the determination of their ARD committee.

### What happens if you pass the course but fail the test?

If a student passes the course, but does not earn the required minimum score on the EOC assessment, the student may retake the test.

The school is required to provide accelerated instruction to each student who fails to perform satisfactorily on any EOC assessment.



### Where can I get more information about the new testing program?

The latest information about STAAR is available at:

[www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/)



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# ABOUT THE STAAR EOC

## LEVEL II - STANDARDS

### What tests must you take in high school?

Students first entering ninth grade in the 2011–2012 and 2012–2013 school year will notice the biggest difference in the new testing program. With the STAAR program, the students will take 15 end-of-course (EOC) assessments which students will take as they complete the corresponding course.

### The 15 STAAR End-Of-Course assessments are:

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

### In addition,

A student's score on the STAAR EOC assessment will count 15% towards the student's final grade in that course. Each of the 15 end-of-course assessments will be available in paper format and online.

### What do you need to graduate?

To graduate, a student must have a certain minimum cumulative score on all of the EOC assessments taken in each content area: English, math, science, and social studies. Besides meeting the cumulative score requirement in each of four core content areas, students on the Recommended High School Program, which is the standard graduation plan, must pass the Algebra II and English - Reading III and Writing III assessments at the Level II standard.

### Distinguished Graduation Plan Requirements

- Algebra II - 4080
- Reading III - 2135
- Writing III - 2155

ENGLISH	
English - Reading I	1875
English - Writing I	1875
English - Reading II	1875
English - Writing II	1875
<b>*English - Reading III</b>	<b>1875</b>
<b>*English - Writing III</b>	<b>1875</b>
Cumulative	11,250

MATH	
Algebra I	3500
Geometry	3500
<b>*Algebra II</b>	<b>3500</b>
Cumulative	10,500

SCIENCE	
Biology	3500
Chemistry	3500
Physics	3500
Cumulative	10,500

SOCIAL STUDIES	
World Geography	3500
World History	3500
U.S. History	3500
Cumulative	10,500

*\*Must meet minimum requirements for Recommended or Distinguished graduation plans*