

# UNDERSTANDING STAAR

*(PARENT NIGHT – 2/11)*

Northwest Preparatory Academy

# STAAR Test



- **State of Texas**  
**Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR)**
- STAAR
- STAAR A
- STAAR ALT

# Annual Assessment Requirements



- Reading and Mathematics, Grades 3–8
  - Writing at Grades 4 and 7
  - Science at Grades 5 and 8
  - Social Studies at Grade 8
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- See STAAR Assessment Calendar for Dates.

# For STAAR Resources

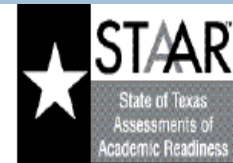


- Visit TEA's website

<http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar/>

# STAAR Blueprint

## STAAR Grade 3 Reading Blueprint



Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
<b>Reporting Category 1: Understanding Across Genres</b>	Readiness Standards	2	6	
	Supporting Standards	1		
	Total	3		
<b>Reporting Category 2: Understanding/Analysis of Literary Texts</b>	Readiness Standards	4	18	
	Supporting Standards	8		
	Total	12		
<b>Reporting Category 3: Understanding/Analysis of Informational Texts</b>	Readiness Standards	6	16	
	Supporting Standards	2		
	Total	8		
<b>Readiness Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>60%–70%</b>	<b>24–28</b>
<b>Supporting Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30%–40%</b>	<b>12–16</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>40</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint

## STAAR Grade 3 Mathematics Blueprint



Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Numerical Representations and Relationships	Readiness Standards	4	12	
	Supporting Standards	10		
	Total	14		
Reporting Category 2: Computations and Algebraic Relationships	Readiness Standards	5	18	
	Supporting Standards	9		
	Total	14		
Reporting Category 3: Geometry and Measurement	Readiness Standards	3	10	
	Supporting Standards	6		
	Total	9		
Reporting Category 4: Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy	Readiness Standards	1	6	
	Supporting Standards	6		
	Total	7		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	13	60%–65%	28–30
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	31	35%–40%	16–18
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>43 Multiple Choice</b> <b>3 Griddable</b> <b>46 Total</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint



## STAAR Grade 4 Reading Blueprint

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Understanding/Analysis Across Genres	Readiness Standards	4	10	
	Supporting Standards	1		
	Total	5		
Reporting Category 2: Understanding/Analysis of Literary Texts	Readiness Standards	4	18	
	Supporting Standards	9		
	Total	13		
Reporting Category 3: Understanding/Analysis of Informational Texts	Readiness Standards	5	16	
	Supporting Standards	4		
	Total	9		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>60%–70%</b>	<b>26–31</b>
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30%–40%</b>	<b>13–18</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>44</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint



## STAAR Grade 4 Mathematics Blueprint

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
<b>Reporting Category 1: Numerical Representations and Relationships</b>	Readiness Standards	3	<b>12</b>	
	Supporting Standards	10		
	Total	13		
<b>Reporting Category 2: Computations and Algebraic Relationships</b>	Readiness Standards	5	<b>16</b>	
	Supporting Standards	7		
	Total	12		
<b>Reporting Category 3: Geometry and Measurement</b>	Readiness Standards	4	<b>15</b>	
	Supporting Standards	7		
	Total	11		
<b>Reporting Category 4: Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy</b>	Readiness Standards	1	<b>5</b>	
	Supporting Standards	4		
	Total	5		
<b>Readiness Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>60%–65%</b>	<b>29–31</b>
<b>Supporting Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35%–40%</b>	<b>17–19</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>45 Multiple Choice 3 Griddable 48 Total</b>	



# STAAR Blueprint



## STAAR Grade 4 Writing Blueprint

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Composition	Readiness Standards	5	2 Compositions*	
	Supporting Standards	0		
	Total	5		
Reporting Category 2: Revision	Readiness Standards	1	9 Multiple Choice	
	Supporting Standards	3		
	Total	4		
Reporting Category 3: Editing	Readiness Standards	6	19 Multiple Choice	
	Supporting Standards	22		
	Total	28		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>60%–70%</b>	<b>17–20</b>
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30%–40%</b>	<b>8–11</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>28 Multiple Choice 2 Compositions</b>	

\* The two types of writing assessed each year—personal narrative and expository—are always designated as Readiness Standards.

# STAAR Blueprint



## STAAR Grade 5 Reading Blueprint

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Understanding/Analysis Across Genres	Readiness Standards	4	10	
	Supporting Standards	1		
	Total	5		
Reporting Category 2: Understanding/Analysis of Literary Texts	Readiness Standards	5	19	
	Supporting Standards	9		
	Total	14		
Reporting Category 3: Understanding/Analysis of Informational Texts	Readiness Standards	6	17	
	Supporting Standards	9		
	Total	15		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	15	60%–70%	28–32
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	19	30%–40%	14–18
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			46	

# STAAR Blueprint

## STAAR Grade 5 Mathematics Blueprint



Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
<b>Reporting Category 1: Numerical Representations and Relationships</b>	Readiness Standards	2	<b>8</b>	
	Supporting Standards	4		
	Total	6		
<b>Reporting Category 2: Computations and Algebraic Relationships</b>	Readiness Standards	6	<b>24</b>	
	Supporting Standards	9		
	Total	15		
<b>Reporting Category 3: Geometry and Measurement</b>	Readiness Standards	3	<b>12</b>	
	Supporting Standards	5		
	Total	8		
<b>Reporting Category 4: Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy</b>	Readiness Standards	1	<b>6</b>	
	Supporting Standards	6		
	Total	7		
<b>Readiness Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>60%–65%</b>	<b>30–33</b>
<b>Supporting Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35%–40%</b>	<b>17–20</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>47 Multiple Choice 3 Griddable 50 Total</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint

## STAAR Grade 5 Science Blueprint



**Scientific Investigation and Reasoning Skills** is not a separate reporting category. These skills will be incorporated into at least 40% of the test questions from reporting categories 1–4 and will be identified along with the content standards.

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Matter and Energy	Readiness Standards	1	8	
	Supporting Standards	4		
	Total	5		
Reporting Category 2: Force, Motion, and Energy	Readiness Standards	3	10	
	Supporting Standards	2		
	Total	5		
Reporting Category 3: Earth and Space	Readiness Standards	4	12	
	Supporting Standards	11		
	Total	15		
Reporting Category 4: Organisms and Environments	Readiness Standards	4	14	
	Supporting Standards	5		
	Total	9		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	12	60%–65%	26–29
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	22	35%–40%	15–18
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>43 Multiple Choice</b> <b>1 Griddable</b> <b>44 Total</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint



## STAAR Grade 6 Reading Blueprint

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Understanding/Analysis Across Genres	Readiness Standards	4	10	
	Supporting Standards	4		
	Total	8		
Reporting Category 2: Understanding/Analysis of Literary Texts	Readiness Standards	4	20	
	Supporting Standards	10		
	Total	14		
Reporting Category 3: Understanding/Analysis of Informational Texts	Readiness Standards	5	18	
	Supporting Standards	7		
	Total	12		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>60%–70%</b>	<b>29–34</b>
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30%–40%</b>	<b>14–19</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>48</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint

## STAAR Grade 6 Mathematics Blueprint



Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
<b>Reporting Category 1: Numerical Representations and Relationships</b>	Readiness Standards	4	<b>14</b>	
	Supporting Standards	11		
	Total	15		
<b>Reporting Category 2: Computations and Algebraic Relationships</b>	Readiness Standards	6	<b>20</b>	
	Supporting Standards	11		
	Total	17		
<b>Reporting Category 3: Geometry and Measurement</b>	Readiness Standards	3	<b>8</b>	
	Supporting Standards	3		
	Total	6		
<b>Reporting Category 4: Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy</b>	Readiness Standards	3	<b>10</b>	
	Supporting Standards	10		
	Total	13		
<b>Readiness Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>60%–65%</b>	<b>31–34</b>
<b>Supporting Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35%–40%</b>	<b>18–21</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>48 Multiple Choice 4 Griddable 52 Total</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint

## STAAR Grade 7 Reading Blueprint



Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Understanding/Analysis Across Genres	Readiness Standards	4	10	
	Supporting Standards	2		
	Total	6		
Reporting Category 2: Understanding/Analysis of Literary Texts	Readiness Standards	5	21	
	Supporting Standards	10		
	Total	15		
Reporting Category 3: Understanding/Analysis of Informational Texts	Readiness Standards	5	19	
	Supporting Standards	8		
	Total	13		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>60%–70%</b>	<b>30–35</b>
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30%–40%</b>	<b>15–20</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>50</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint

## STAAR Grade 7 Mathematics Blueprint



Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards		
<b>Reporting Category 1: Probability and Numerical Representations</b>	Readiness Standards	2	<b>9</b>	
	Supporting Standards	5		
	Total	7		
<b>Reporting Category 2: Computations and Algebraic Relationships</b>	Readiness Standards	5	<b>20</b>	
	Supporting Standards	7		
	Total	12		
<b>Reporting Category 3: Geometry and Measurement</b>	Readiness Standards	4	<b>16</b>	
	Supporting Standards	5		
	Total	9		
<b>Reporting Category 4: Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy</b>	Readiness Standards	2	<b>9</b>	
	Supporting Standards	8		
	Total	10		
<b>Readiness Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>60%–65%</b>	<b>32–35</b>
<b>Supporting Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35%–40%</b>	<b>19–22</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>50 Multiple Choice 4 Griddable 54 Total</b>	



# STAAR Blueprint



## STAAR Grade 7 Writing Blueprint

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Composition	Readiness Standards	5	2 Compositions*	
	Supporting Standards	0		
	Total	5		
Reporting Category 2: Revision	Readiness Standards	1	16 Multiple Choice	
	Supporting Standards	7		
	Total	8		
Reporting Category 3: Editing	Readiness Standards	6	24 Multiple Choice	
	Supporting Standards	11		
	Total	17		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>60%–70%</b>	<b>24–28</b>
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30%–40%</b>	<b>12–16</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>40 Multiple Choice 2 Compositions</b>	

\* The two types of writing assessed each year—personal narrative and expository—are always designated as Readiness Standards.

# STAAR Blueprint



## STAAR Grade 8 Reading Blueprint

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: Understanding/Analysis Across Genres	Readiness Standards	4	10	
	Supporting Standards	4		
	Total	8		
Reporting Category 2: Understanding/Analysis of Literary Texts	Readiness Standards	4	22	
	Supporting Standards	10		
	Total	14		
Reporting Category 3: Understanding/Analysis of Informational Texts	Readiness Standards	5	20	
	Supporting Standards	7		
	Total	12		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>60%–70%</b>	<b>31–36</b>
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30%–40%</b>	<b>16–21</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>52</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint

## STAAR Grade 8 Mathematics Blueprint



Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
<b>Reporting Category 1: Numerical Representations and Relationships</b>	Readiness Standards	1	5	
	Supporting Standards	3		
	Total	4		
<b>Reporting Category 2: Computations and Algebraic Relationships</b>	Readiness Standards	5	22	
	Supporting Standards	9		
	Total	14		
<b>Reporting Category 3: Geometry and Measurement</b>	Readiness Standards	5	20	
	Supporting Standards	9		
	Total	14		
<b>Reporting Category 4: Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy</b>	Readiness Standards	2	9	
	Supporting Standards	6		
	Total	8		
<b>Readiness Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>60%–65%</b>	<b>34–36</b>
<b>Supporting Standards</b>	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35%–40%</b>	<b>20–22</b>
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>52 Multiple Choice</b> <b>4 Griddable</b> <b>56 Total</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint

## STAAR Grade 8 Science Blueprint



**Scientific Investigation and Reasoning Skills** is not a separate reporting category. These skills will be incorporated into at least 40% of the test questions from reporting categories 1–4 and will be identified along with the content standards.

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards		
Reporting Category 1: Matter and Energy	Readiness Standards	5	14	
	Supporting Standards	7		
	Total	12		
Reporting Category 2: Force, Motion, and Energy	Readiness Standards	2	12	
	Supporting Standards	6		
	Total	8		
Reporting Category 3: Earth and Space	Readiness Standards	5	14	
	Supporting Standards	10		
	Total	15		
Reporting Category 4: Organisms and Environments	Readiness Standards	3	14	
	Supporting Standards	11		
	Total	14		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	15	60%–65%	32–35
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	34	35%–40%	19–22
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>50 Multiple Choice</b> <b>4 Griddable</b> <b>54 Total</b>	

# STAAR Blueprint

## STAAR Grade 8 Social Studies Blueprint



**Social Studies Skills** is not a separate reporting category. These skills will be incorporated into at least 30% of the test questions from reporting categories 1–4 and will be identified along with the content standards.

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: History	Readiness Standards	15	20	
	Supporting Standards	21		
	Total	36		
Reporting Category 2: Geography and Culture	Readiness Standards	6	12	
	Supporting Standards	13		
	Total	19		
Reporting Category 3: Government and Citizenship	Readiness Standards	10	12	
	Supporting Standards	13		
	Total	23		
Reporting Category 4: Economics, Science, Technology, and Society	Readiness Standards	5	8	
	Supporting Standards	9		
	Total	14		
Readiness Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	36	60%–65%	31–34
Supporting Standards	<b>Total Number of Standards</b>	56	35%–40%	18–21
<b>Total Number of Questions on Test</b>			<b>52 Multiple Choice</b>	

# Testing Guidelines



- STAAR – Four Hour Time Limit

*(Note: Clock does not stop for Bathroom Breaks.)*

- Only students with approved accommodations may have extended time.
- Amount of Time Left will be communicated
- **Students must sit according to Seating Chart**
- **Student Attendance on Test Dates is Required**

# STAAR Policies



- Formula Charts for Math/Science are provided for students in Grades 3 – 8.
- Dictionary Policy- Allowed for Gr. 6-8 Reading; Gr. 7 Writing including Revising & Editing
- Calculator Policy – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math – Graphing Calculator may be used.

# Electronic Devices



- Electronic Devices are not allowed.

**NWPA is requesting that students leave their electronic devices at home on testing days. If students bring the device, they are required to turn it in *prior* to testing.**



# See Sample Questions (Released Tests)

- [http://tea.texas.gov/Student Testing and Accountability/Testing/  
State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness \(STAAR\)/STAAR Released Test Questions/](http://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Testing/State_of_Texas_Assessments_of_Academic_Readiness_(STAAR)/STAAR_Released_Test_Questions/)

# STAAR Results



## A Parent's Guide to the STAAR Progress Measure

### WHAT IS THE STAAR PROGRESS MEASURE?

The STAAR progress measure provides information about the academic improvement or growth your child has made from last year to this year.

### FOR WHICH SUBJECTS, GRADES, AND COURSES IS THE STAAR PROGRESS MEASURE REPORTED?

In 2014, the STAAR progress measure will be reported for the tests listed below:

- reading in grades 4–8
- mathematics in grades 4–8
- English II (starting in July 2014)
- Algebra I

### FOR WHICH STAAR PROGRAMS IS THE STAAR PROGRESS MEASURE REPORTED?

Students may take different versions of STAAR. The progress measure is reported for these STAAR programs:

- STAAR (including STAAR L)
- STAAR Spanish
- STAAR Modified
- STAAR Alternate

### DID MY CHILD RECEIVE A STAAR PROGRESS MEASURE?

Your child received a STAAR progress measure in 2014 if he or she met the following requirements:

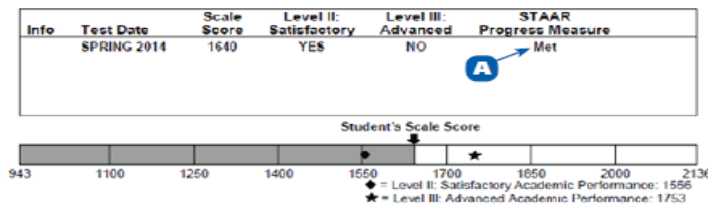
- Had a valid STAAR score in 2013 and 2014
- Took the same version of the test in 2013 and 2014 (for example, took STAAR in both years or STAAR Modified in both years)
- Took the next grade-level test in 2014 (for example, took grade 6 reading in 2013 and grade 7 reading in 2014)

If your child received the Texas ELL Progress Measure, he or she will not receive a STAAR progress measure.

For STAAR reading tests, your child must have taken the test in the same language (English or Spanish) in 2013 and 2014 to get a progress measure.

For the Algebra I and English II tests, your child must have taken the test for the first time in 2014 to get a progress measure.

Part of a Confidential Student Report (CSR) for Grade 7 Reading is shown below:



**A** The STAAR progress measure is reported on your child's Confidential Student Report (CSR). Your child will receive one progress measure for each applicable test. This information can also be found in the student data portal at <http://www.texasassessment.com/students/>.

### HOW ARE THE STAAR PERFORMANCE LEVELS DIFFERENT FROM THE STAAR PROGRESS MEASURE?

The performance levels give you information about how well your child actually did on the test this year. For example, if your child's academic performance was satisfactory, he or she achieved Level II, but if your child's performance was advanced, he or she reached Level III.

The STAAR progress measure helps you view your child's academic achievement in a different way. The progress measure tells you two things: whether your child improved from last year to this year and if he or she did improve, how much improvement there was. It is possible that your child made progress even if he or she did not pass the test.

The amount of growth your child made from last year to this year is classified in one of these ways: *Did Not Meet*, *Met*, or *Exceeded*. If your child's progress measure is *Met*, he or she has shown expected academic improvement from 2013 to 2014. If your child's progress measure is *Exceeded*, your child has shown an amount of academic improvement from 2013 to 2014 that was much larger than expected.

Progress measures are reported within a content area (reading, mathematics, and English). It is possible for your child to receive a progress measure for some tests but not for others.

Information on how to calculate the STAAR progress measure can be found in the **Calculating STAAR Progress Measures** document located at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/calculatingSTAARprogressmeasures.pdf>