

When are the STAAR tests?

Students are scheduled to take the STAAR test in April and May.

Eight graders who do not meet Proficiency Levels in **Math** and **Reading** will have two additional opportunities to take and pass these exams in May* and June*.

2020 STAAR ADMINISTRATION DATES FOR GRADES 6TH – 8TH

DATE	6TH GRADE
May 12	Math
May 13	Reading

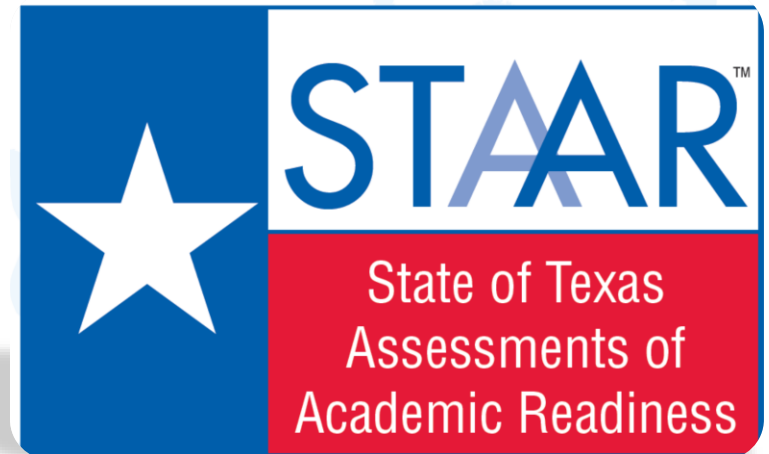
DATE	7TH GRADE
April 7	Writing
May 12	Math
May 13	Reading

DATE	8TH GRADE
April 7	Math
April 8	Reading
<i>May 12</i>	<i>Math*</i>
<i>May 13</i>	<i>Reading*</i>
May 7	Science
May 8	Social Studies
<i>June 2 3</i>	<i>Math</i>
<i>June 2 4</i>	<i>Reading</i>

** Additional opportunity for 8th graders*

Understanding the **STAAR** test

6th – 8th Grade



For additional information about STAAR

- Visit the Texas Education Agency, Student Assessment webpage at: <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/>
- Call the Assessment Department at: 956-554-2806
- Contact your child's school at: _____



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Who takes the STAAR test?

Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th have been taking the new state exam titled **State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness** (STAAR). This evaluation includes assessments in the following subjects:

6th – Math & Reading

7th – Math, Reading and Writing

8th – Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies

How is this test different?

The STAAR assessments are more rigorous than previous state tests. In addition, the STAAR test has a four-hour time limit, and it has more open-ended questions in math and science.

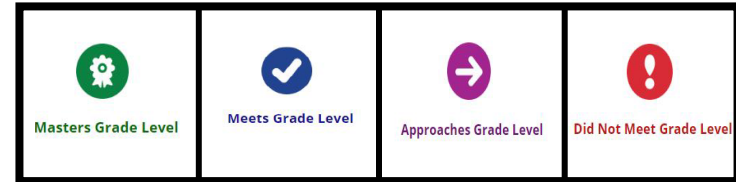
Will students who receive special education services take the STAAR?

The admission, review & dismissal (ARD) committee will determine the appropriate test for a student who receives special education services. Some students will take the general STAAR. Others will take the STAAR Alternate 2. The STAAR Alternate 2, however, is only available for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.



How do I know if my child passed the test?

Student performance on the STAAR test is described by one of these four proficiency levels:



- **Masters grade level**- shows mastery of the course content. Student is on track for college and career readiness.
- **Meets grade level**- shows strong knowledge of course content. Student is prepared to progress to the next grade.
- **Approaches grade level** - shows some knowledge of course content but may be missing critical elements. Student needs additional support.
- **Did not meet grade level** - shows lack of basic understanding of course content. Student needs significant support.

Promotion to the next grade level for students in 8th grade is dependent upon achieving a score at the Approaches Grade Level, or better, in Math and Reading.

