

Testing

Texas' student assessment program is designed to measure the extent to which a student has learned and is able to apply the defined knowledge and skills at each tested grade or course level.

Texas has offered a statewide student assessment since 1980. In the spring of 2012, Texas students began taking the [State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness](#) (STAAR) exams.

The STAAR program, which was implemented in spring 2012, includes annual assessments for

- reading and mathematics, grades 3–8
- writing at grades 4 and 7
- science at grades 5 and 8
- social studies at grade 8
- end-of-course (EOC) assessments for English I, English II, Algebra I, biology and U.S. history.
 - Visit <http://tea.texas.gov/graduation.aspx> for more information regarding testing requirements and graduation.

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visit http://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Testing/Testing/