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](http://tea.texas.gov/graduation.aspx) for more information regarding testing requirements and graduation.

For more information on the state testing program, visit [http://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Testing/Testing/](http://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Testing/Testing/)