STAAR Report Card

Empowering Parents & Teachers to Improve Student Results

Do you want a Texas student report card that—

- Includes questions designed and approved by Texas teachers?
- Allows parents to see every question their child was given, the right answer, and how to partner with their teachers to improve their child's performance?
- Provides Texas teachers with meaningful data about what their students are learning and how to improve instruction?
- Measures whether students are mastering concepts needed to succeed in a 21st-century economy?
- Helps all Texans understand how their local schools are performing over time?

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Want to see a mock STAAR Report Card and powerful online tools?

Log in at:

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5th Grade STAAR Report

Access Code: 3V6FSQ

DOB: 05/02/2007

8th Grade STAAR Report

Access Code: 2ZV39D

DOB: 01/01/2001

The most critical obligation of our public schools is to ensure that all Texas students—regardless of their background or neighbor-hood—are learning and growing at grade level or above each year, especially in reading and math. The STAAR Report Card is the Texas Education Agency's newly designed report that gives parents and teachers a deeper look into how their child is performing in different subject areas according to the STAAR test, and where they might need extra support.

While no test is perfect or can measure everything about our children and schools, the STAAR test gives invaluable and independent information on whether our children are at grade level in reading and math. Taxpayers in Texas are spending \$114 billion this biennium on public education, and it is important that legislators, policymakers, educators, parents, and students understand whether Texas students' results are improving or declining over

Parents and teachers can log in to see their child's detailed student performance data and access a host of other helpful resources using their child's unique access code at texasassessment.com.

Starting in June, school districts focused on improving student results will mail parents their child's STAAR Report Card and actively partner with parents to help their students. In addition, school districts will work with school boards, schools, and teachers to understand results and improve classroom instruction at each Texas campus.







Parents and teachers can now partner to improve outcomes.

For many years in Texas, STAAR results were little more than data points, and parents viewed our state's assessment as onerous and arbitrary. This is because parents could not see the STAAR questions, their child's individual responses, and how the questions were linked to the Texas curriculum standards. Similarly, teachers were not provided timely data about their individual students' performance and growth year over year, or how to improve classroom instruction. In addition, it was difficult for legislators and local policymakers to explain how STAAR testing could be used to improve student outcomes.

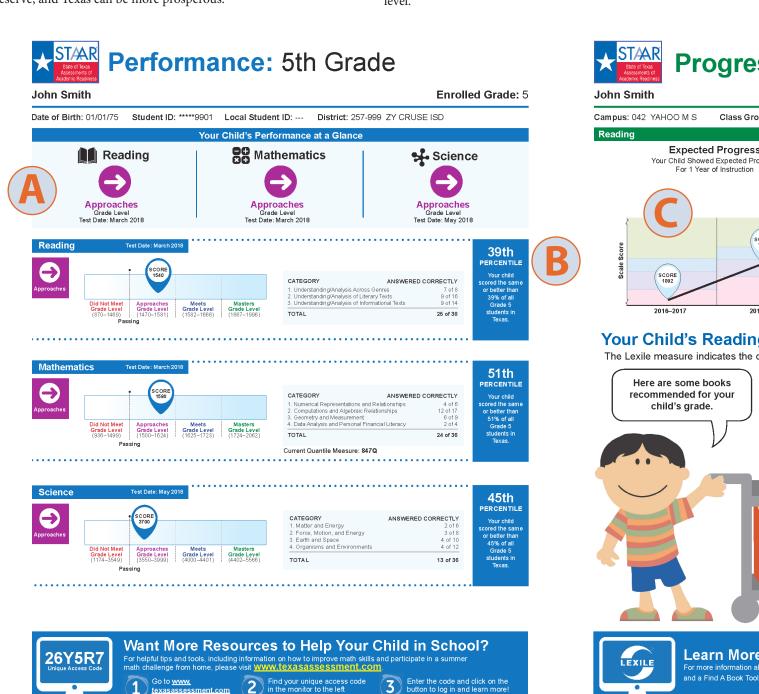
Thanks to the new STAAR Report Card, parents and teachers have more information than ever. If schools utilize the STAAR Report Card wisely, Texas students will get the education they deserve, and Texas can be more prosperous.

Helping all Texans understand whether Texas students are learning and growing at grade level each year is critical for Texas' success because:

- Across Texas districts, there are vast differences in student performance on critical reading and math skills.
- Even in wealthy suburban areas, thousands of children are reading and doing math below grade level.
- Many children are trapped in schools where learning and growing is simply not taking place, and alternative options are scarce or non-existent.

Furthermore Texas students' reading skills are poor and declining:

- 58 percent of Texas third-graders are reading below grade level
- 54 percent of Texas eighth-graders are reading below grade level.



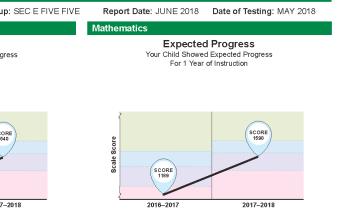
According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), Texas' reading scores are some of the lowest in the nation; Texas ranks 46th in fourth-grade reading (down from 40th in 2015) and 42nd in eighth-grade reading (down from 39th in 2015).

More importantly, only 16 percent of Texas high school students demonstrate college readiness on SAT/ACT.

How are STAAR test questions created?

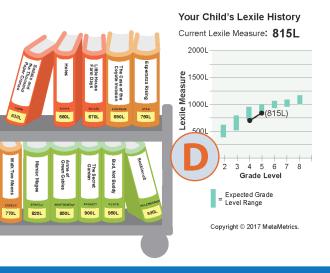
Texas teachers develop and approve STAAR test questions. In addition, all questions must be aligned to the Texas curriculum standards. The STAAR Texas curriculum standards are called the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and are adopted by the State Board of Education.

ss: From Previous Year



g Measure History (Lexile® Measure)

ifficulty of the materials that your child can read successfully.



about Your Child's Lexile Level

out your child's reading level history, including an interactive Lexile Growth Plannerⁿ visit: www.texasassessment.com/lexile.

STAAR Report Cards empower parents and teachers.

The new STAAR Report Card communicates to parents and teachers whether their child is performing below, at, or above grade level.



Specifically, parents and teachers are told whether their child—

- Did not meet grade level. This means their child doesn't have enough understanding of the material and did not meet the grade-level learning goals.
- Approached Grade Level. This means their child showed some knowledge of the material but didn't show an understanding of some of the most important parts.
- Met Grade Level. This means their child showed a good understanding of the subject material and is ready for the next grade.
- Mastered Grade Level. This means their child showed a strong understanding of the subject material and is well-prepared for success in the next grade.

Many parents, teachers, and school leaders are highly focused on continuously improving student results by growing students from "approaches grade level" to "meets" to "masters." Good, better, BEST! This means great things for Texas children.



How their child scored when compared to other students across Texas.



Progress over time, with a child's score for the current year compared to his or her scores in the previous year.



Lexile reading level (difficulty of material a child can read and understand), along with a book cart with a sample of books for the child's grade level.

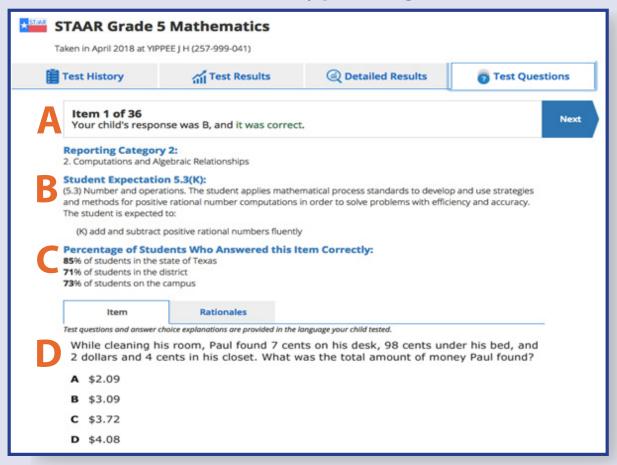
In addition, parents and teachers online can review:

- The exact STAAR questions; their child's responses; the number of questions their child answered correctly within the subject; and the number of children who answered the questions correctly at the campus, district, and across the state.
- How the questions aligned to a Texas curriculum standard.
- Quantile measure (which helps parents track their student's progress in math over time regardless of grade level).

Teachers and school leaders can use the STAAR to improve student results. Specifically, they can learn:

- How to improve classroom instruction based on student answers and rationales.
- Whether critical skills and concepts are being learned in specific classrooms and schools, and whether students are retaining material.
- Whether certain students need additional help.
- The level of rigor each student needs to succeed.

The STAAR Report Card's online tools support parents and teachers by providing:



- A. Their child's response
- **B.** The Texas Curriculum standard being tested
- C. How other children at that campus, district, and across the state responded
- **D.** Test questions

For more information about the STAAR test and STAAR Report Card, go to texasassessment.com.

What grades and subjects are tested and how long is the test?

STAAR includes annual assessments in the following subjects, grades, and courses:

SUBJECT AND GRADE	MAXIMUM TEST TIME
Mathematics in grades 3-8	4-hour max
Reading in grades 3-8	4-hour max
Writing in grades 4 and 7	4-hour max
Science in grades 5 and 8	4-hour max
Social studies in grade 8	4-hour max
End of course assessments for Algebra I, biology, and U.S. history	4-hour max
End of course assessments for English I & II	5-hour max

