



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) is a state-mandated test that measures students' mastery of the statewide curriculum at various grade levels in elementary, middle school, and high school. STAAR End of Course (EOC) tests are administered to students enrolled in the following high school classes: Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and U.S. History. All students currently enrolled in these courses as well as students who need to retake exams are required to participate in this testing. Satisfactory performance on each STAAR EOC test is a prerequisite for a high school diploma.

To ensure equity for all students, The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is requiring all students to take STAAR in a monitored testing session at school supervised by a trained test administrator. Appropriate public health protocols will be followed during all testing administrations.

To safeguard your child's success on STAAR, please do the following: make sure your child arrives on time to school after a good night's rest; is prepared to test and eats a good dinner the night before and a good breakfast the morning of testing. Similarly, encouraging your child to do his or her personal best can greatly improve your child's self-confidence which will lead to better performance. All testing materials will be provided by the school. We do urge students to bring a snack to eat during the test.

To maintain the security and confidentiality of state tests, communication devices are NOT allowed in any testing area on exam days. A communication device includes but is not limited to cellular telephones, pagers, music and/or recording/listening devices, earbuds/air pods, video recorders, cameras, smart watches, iPods, iPads, organizational tools, Fitbits, other hand-held electronic devices, and any other device that allows internet access, two-way communication and/or recording capabilities.

If a student is found to possess a communication device while inside an active testing room, the test of that student may be voided and would not be scored by the state. Additionally, these students may face disciplinary action. Students are strongly encouraged to NOT bring these devices on test days. Students who forget and bring a device will have the opportunity to relinquish the device to the test administrator before the test begins. The student's name will be attached to the device, and it will be returned to the owner once all testing is completed for the day. Additionally, students need to sign the policy prior to testing stating they understand the rules and consequences regarding cell phone and electronic device usage during STAAR testing.

STAAR test results are used as an accurate indicator of a student's academic performance. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students suspected of cheating may have their tests voided as well as face disciplinary action. Please discuss with your child the importance of being honest and doing his/her own work.



The dates for the upcoming Fall 2024 STAAR EOC exams are located below:

STAAR EOC December 2024 Assessment Dates

Assessment Dates	STAAR EOC Assessments	Assessment Locations
December 9, 2024	English I	Rooms: 231 – 237
December 10, 2024	Biology	Rooms: 231 – 237
December 10, 2024	U.S. History	Rooms: 231 – 237
December 11, 2024	English II	Rooms: 231 – 237
December 12, 2024	Algebra I	Rooms: 231 – 237

For additional information and an overview of the statewide testing program, visit the Student Assessment Division parent information website at: <https://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/parents>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Dr. Esther Emenogu at esther.emenogu@fortbendisd.com.

Have a delightful day!

Sincerely,

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