

Information Regarding Release of 2013 STAAR Assessments

As announced earlier by Commissioner of Education Michael L. Williams, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will be releasing the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) general assessments administered in spring 2013. These assessments will be released in August 2013. Along with the released tests, electronic images of the essays and short answers, item analysis reports, and student expectation files will be made available to districts. The information below describes each item in detail.

RELEASED TESTS

The following 2013 STAAR assessments will be released in early August 2013 on TEA's Student Assessment website at

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/testquestions/>.

- grades 3–8 mathematics, reading, writing, science, and social studies
- Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II
- biology, chemistry, physics
- English I writing, English II writing, English III writing
- English I reading, English II reading, English III reading
- world history, world geography, U.S. history

The released tests will include only the first spring administration of the English and Spanish general assessments. They will not include the STAAR L, STAAR Modified, or braille versions.

Printed versions of the released tests may be ordered online for an additional charge. Ordering will be available in early August 2013 at <http://www.TexasAssessment.com/publications>.

IMAGES OF ESSAYS AND SHORT ANSWER READING RESPONSES

Electronic PDF images of student essays and short answer reading responses for the April 2013 STAAR English II writing and reading assessments will be posted in summer 2013 on the Texas Assessment Management System. These English II images will be available at no charge to districts.

In addition, PDFs of the following electronic images will be available to order at an additional charge in the Texas Assessment Management System:

- STAAR and STAAR Spanish grade 4 essays
- STAAR grade 7 essays
- STAAR English I essays and short answer reading responses
- STAAR English III essays and short answer reading responses

Images of essays can be ordered for the April 2013 grades 4 and 7 writing assessments through the Texas Assessment Management System (TAMS) under Test Setup > Enter Administration Details. Ordering of these essays can be accessed through the 2013 April STAAR Grades 3–8 administration. **Orders must be submitted by May 9, 2013.**

Images of essays and short answer reading responses can also be ordered for the April 2013 English I and III writing and reading assessments through the Texas Assessment Management System under Test Setup > Enter Administration Details. Ordering of these essays and short answer reading responses can be accessed through the 2013 May STAAR End-of-Course administration. **Orders must be submitted by May 21, 2013.**

ITEM ANALYSIS REPORTS

The Individual Student Item Analysis Reports and Item Analysis Summary Reports for STAAR grades 3–8 and STAAR EOC will be provided to districts at no charge in August 2013. These reports will be available in PDF format through the Texas Assessment Management System at Reports > View Published Reports. Item Analysis Summary Reports will be provided at the campus, district, region, and statewide levels.

STUDENT EXPECTATION FILES

Student expectation files for the 2013 STAAR assessments will be posted on TEA's Student Assessment website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/exptested/>. Because tests are being released for 2013, these files will include the correct response for each test item.

Please call TEA's Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 if you have any questions about the STAAR 2013 released tests, item analysis reports, or student expectation files. Call Pearson's Austin Operations Center at 800-627-0225 if you have any questions about the electronic image essay and short answer reading response process.

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