

What do you need to graduate?

A student must achieve a minimum score on an EOC assessment for it to count toward graduation requirements. However, TEA has not yet set the minimum standards for EOC assessment. Students not meeting the minimum score must retake the assessment. The requirements to graduate will vary among the Minimum, Recommended and Distinguished graduation plans. Satisfactory Academic Performance (Level II) on the EOC assessments will be considered passing.

UNSATISFACTORY LEVEL I	MINIMUM	SATISFACTORY LEVEL II	ADVANCED LEVEL III
Performance in this category indicates that students are inadequately prepared for the next grade or course	Performance in this category indicates that students are insufficiently prepared for the next grade or course	Performance in this category indicates that students are sufficiently prepared for the next grade or course	Performance in this category indicates that students are well prepared for the next grade or course. <small>* For Algebra II and English III, this level of performance also indicates students' postsecondary readiness.</small>
Must Retake EOC	Scores meeting the minimum requirement, while unsatisfactory, may still count for cumulative score	Recommended Graduation Plan: Must achieve Level II scores on Algebra II and English III EOC tests	Distinguished Graduation Plan: Must achieve Level III scores on Algebra II & English III EOC tests

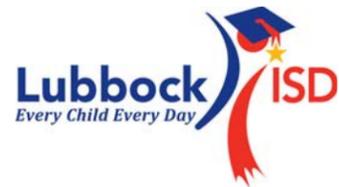
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What are EOC testing requirements for each Graduation Plan?

MINIMUM	RECOMMENDED	DISTINGUISHED
Take EOC assessments for courses enrolled (8-12 tests) Meet cumulative score requirement	Take all 12 EOC assessments Meet cumulative score requirement Achieve Level II: Satisfactory Performance on Algebra II and English III	Take all 12 EOC assessments Meet cumulative score requirement Achieve Level III: Advanced Performance on Algebra II and English III

Will students who receive special education services take the STAAR?

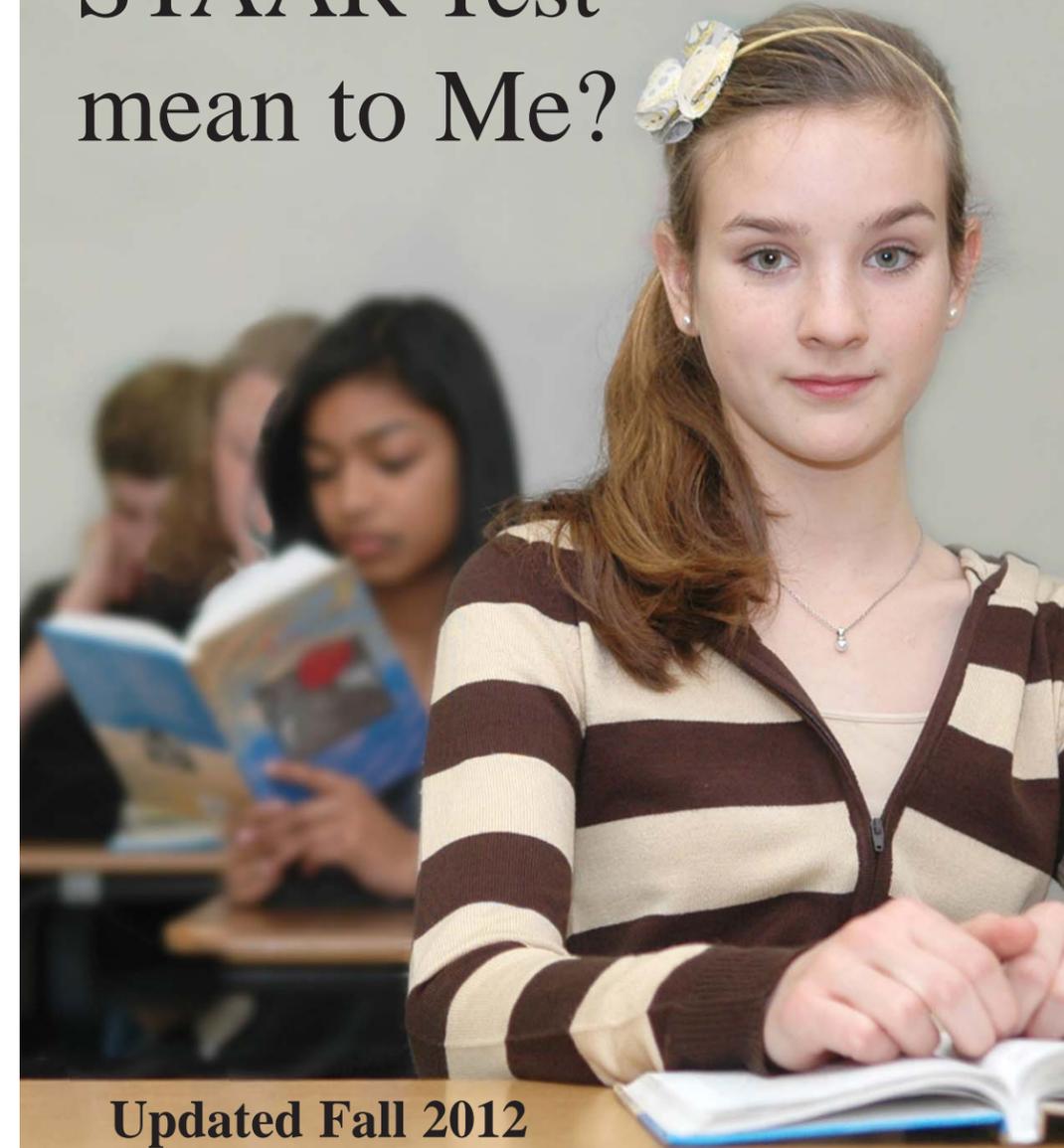
For a student who receives special education services, the Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee will determine the appropriate test.



For additional information about the new STAAR tests, go to www.LubbockISD.org and click on the "STAAR Tests" link on the left navigation column.

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What
will the
STAAR Test
mean to Me?



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The 81st session of the Texas Legislature made changes to the high school graduation requirements and accountability system that became effective for the 2011-2012 school year. The changes in law will apply to students currently in the **10th grade and younger**. Contained in this brochure are the new Texas Education Agency (TEA) graduation and testing rules as of March 2012.



What is STAAR?

The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) is a more rigorous standardized testing program that will replace the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) for elementary, middle school and high school students.

How is STAAR different from TAKS?

For all students in grades 3 through 12, the new STAAR program will emphasize "readiness" standards, which are the knowledge and skills that are considered most important for future success in the next grade, subject area and college/career. Other changes for students grades 3 – 12 include:

- ★ Increases in test difficulty with a focus on college/career readiness
- ★ Increases in the number of test items
- ★ Imposes a new, four-hour time limit on tests
- ★ Increases the number of open-ended questions on math and science assessments.
- ★ In fourth grade, two essays are required over a two-day testing period
- ★ In seventh grade, three essays are required over a two-day testing period
- ★ In English I, II and III, three essays are required over a two-day testing period

Who will take the STAAR End-of-Course Exams and how will they be counted for the course grade and for graduation?

Students who entered the ninth grade in 2011-12 (the graduating class of 2015), are the first class that must meet STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) requirements in order to graduate. All subsequent classes will be required to take and pass EOC tests in order to graduate. With the new STAAR program, the four TAKS Exit-Level tests will be replaced with twelve end-of-course (EOC) assessments. All students will take the EOC as they complete the corresponding course. Below are courses requiring EOC exams.

ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES
English I	Algebra I	Biology	World Geography
English II	Geometry	Chemistry	World History
English III	Algebra II	Physics	U.S. History

Does the EOC count toward a student's final course grade?

Initially, the legislature mandated that the EOC must count 15% of the final course grade; however, TEA postponed that rule to begin in 2012-2013. Students will be required to earn a certain cumulative score on the EOC in each subject area.

Any student who is enrolled in a high school course that has a related EOC assessment is required to test, including students who are earning credit through:

- ★ Correspondence courses
- ★ AP/IB courses
- ★ 8th graders taking Algebra I
- ★ Dual credit courses
- ★ Credit by exam

By state law, a student's score on the STAAR EOC must count 15 percent of the student's final course grade. To calculate a student's final course grade in a course with an EOC assessment, the following components will be used:

COURSE GRADE	85%	The first and second semester grades are averaged together and are worth 85% of the final course grade.
EOC ASSESSMENT SCORE	15%	
FINAL COURSE GRADE	100%	

How will EOC affect Course Credit, Grade Point Average, and Class Rank?

The final course grade will be used to determine credit earned in a course with an EOC assessment. There will be no .5 (half) credit earned for each of the first and second semesters of year-long courses with an EOC assessment. A semester numerical grade will be noted on the report card, but no .5 credit will be awarded. The EOC results will not affect GPA and class rank.

What happens if you pass the Final Course Grade, but fail the EOC assessment?

If a student earns a 70 or above for the final course grade, but does not earn the required minimum score on the EOC assessment, the student must retake the test. However, the student is not required to retake a course as a condition of retaking the EOC assessment for that course.

The campus is required to provide accelerated instruction to each ninth-grade student who fails to perform satisfactorily on any EOC assessment. **Summer school will be required prior to the July retesting opportunities.** Additional opportunities to retest will be provided in the fall and spring.



How will the Cumulative Score Requirements be calculated?

In order to graduate a student must meet a cumulative score on all of the EOC assessments taken in each content area: English, Math, Science and Social Studies. Students who have met the minimum score on an EOC assessment may retake the assessment to increase the overall cumulative score needed for their particular graduation plan. (See the example below for further explanation.)

CUMULATIVE SCORE REQUIREMENTS EXAMPLE

In each content area, the scores for all three EOC tests will be added together. The cumulative score must be equal to or greater than the passing standard multiplied by the number of tests.

Currently, TEA has not set the standards for the end-of-course assessments. In the following example, the passing standard is assumed to be 1000.

- 800 - Level 1 (Minimum Standard)
- 1000 - Level 2 (Satisfactory Standard)
- 1200 - Level 3 (Advanced Standard)

	MATH	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES
	Algebra I 800	English I 1000	Biology 900	World Geography 1100
	Geometry 1200	English II 1200	Chemistry 900	World History 1000
	Algebra II 1000	English III 1000	Physics 1000	U.S. History 1000
Total Score:	3000	3200	2800	3100

In the above example, the cumulative score for each subject would have to be at least 3000 for the student to graduate. The student would have met the cumulative score for Math, English, and Social Studies, but would need to retest on any of the three Science EOC assessments to meet the cumulative score requirement of 3000 for Science. In the example, a score of 800 does not meet the passing standard; however, it will count in the cumulative total for the subject.

