

District Assessments 2011-2012

Types of District Assessment

Curriculum Snapshots – designed by the Instruction Department to monitor curriculum use and curriculum effectiveness. These short tests are to be given on an assigned day, not during a window, and should take less than one class period to complete. In elementary, students will take one test that includes questions from all four core subjects. In secondary, separate tests will be provided for each subject.

Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI)/Tejas Lee – universal screener for grades K-2 that is required by the state to assess reading comprehension and fluency, and are used to determine participation in RTI.

Math BOY, MOY, EOY – paper tests administered to grades K-2 to determine participation in RTI.

Scantron Performance Series (SPS) – online test given at the beginning, middle, and end of the year to grades 3 through 5 in reading and math. A cut score will be provided to determine which students will participate in RTI. Because SPS is not available in Spanish, a paper test will be provided for subjects that are taught in Spanish on bilingual campuses.

MSTAR – online universal screener required by the state to determine math participation in RTI at grades 6 through 8.

Semester Exams - paper tests that are required for selected secondary ELA, math, science, and social studies classes. These tests will be collected each day of testing and posted in EdSoft so that semester grades can be calculated.

TAKS Released Tests – paper tests to be used in grades 10 and 11 to prepare students who will graduate with TAKS requirements. Second-year ninth graders may also participate in the 10th grade tests because they will graduate with TAKS requirements.

STAAR Lite – paper tests designed by the Instruction Department to give students practice on STAAR-like questions. The STAAR Lite tests (math and ELA combined) should take about the same amount of time as the released ELA TAKS for grades 10 and 11.

Participation

All students will participate in district assessments for the assigned grade levels and subjects.

- Students who have special accommodations for TAKS or STAAR may also be given these accommodations for the district assessments.
- Students who follow a modified curriculum, whose ARD committee has determined will take STAAR-M, will be provided a modified district assessment. An electronic copy of the test will be sent to the campus test coordinator before test day for copying at the local campus.
- Spanish tests will be available at bilingual campuses for subjects taught in Spanish.
- New English Language Learners may begin the year with the modified tests, but should take the regular exams by the end of the year.
- Braille tests will be available through the VI department.
- Large print tests may be duplicated and enlarged by the local campuses.
- Teachers should send a test copy and the answer document of DAEP students to Christie Stephens at DAEP. Look in EdSoft for grades.
- Only students who are scheduled to take STAAR-Alt will be exempt from the district tests.
- Students who are absent on the day of the test should take a make-up test as soon as possible. Send these tests for scanning separately.
- Shannon students will be provided tests as available to align with their quarter system.

The District Assessment Calendar

- Because the Curriculum Snapshots measure curriculum that has been taught, all classes across the district will be tested on the same day.
- Online testing should be planned well in advance to ensure that large numbers of students can be tested on a limited number of computers during the testing window.
- The ELA released TAKS tests must all be given on the same day so that the writing portion can be graded by a team of teachers on the following day.
- Released TAKS tests will be given to all 10th and 11th graders at the appropriate grade level. In mixed grade level classes teachers will need to determine the grade level of every student, ensure that the students receive the correct test, and correctly divide the answer documents under different headers. Second-year ninth graders may participate on the 10th grade test.

Returning Tests for Scanning

Tests are due in the Accountability Office two days after they are administered on campus. All answer documents should be divided under the appropriate headers. If blank answer docs were used, all information that was included on the pre-printed documents must be filled in.

Campus test coordinators should use the provided check list to ensure that each teacher returns the answer documents for scanning. The test booklets should also be returned to the campus test coordinator, who will discreetly dispose of them for recycling.

Tests may be delivered personally to the office OR they may be put in campus mail in small quantities.

Test Grades

All scanned tests will have grades provided in EdSoft/D2SC.

Semester exam grades will be ready for viewing in EdSoft by noon of the following day. Friday tests will be completed by Friday at 7:00 p.m. Tests will be collected at the end of each test day.

Curriculum Snapshots are not intended as a major grade, but may be used as a daily grade if the principal decides to do so.