

STAAR for Parents and Families



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Example:

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- State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) is the new state assessment that began in 2011-2012 school year.
- STAAR replaced the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills)



State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR)

- The new test design focuses on readiness for success in subsequent grades or courses and, ultimately, for college and career.
- Grades 3 – 8 tests are in same grades and subjects as TAKS
- At high school 15 end-of-course assessments rather than grade-specific test

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR)

For Grade 3-8

Same subjects/grade

- Grades 3–8 math
- Grades 3–8 reading
- Grades 4 and 7 writing
- Grades 5 and 8 science
- Grade 8 social studies

For End Of Course

Fifteen End of Course:

- Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics (Principles of Technology)
- English: English I, English II, English III (Read and Write)
- Math: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry
- Social Studies: World Geography, US History, World History

TAKS to STAAR

Plan for phase-out of TAKS and phase-in of STAAR

	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016
GR 3–8	TAKS	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR
GR 9	TAKS	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR
GR 10	TAKS	TAKS	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR
GR 11	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR
GR 12 & Out-of-School	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	STAAR or TAKS	STAAR or TAKS

What is the Difference between TAKS & STAAR?



- TAKS focused on:
 - Did students learn what they were supposed to learn this year?
- STAAR focuses on:
 - Did students learn what they were supposed to learn this year?
 - Are they ready for next year and beyond?

What is the Difference between TAKS & STAAR?

- “Fewer, deeper, clearer” focus
- Emphasis on alignment to college and career readiness
- Will emphasize “readiness” standards,
- Supporting standards will be assessed, though not emphasized

What are “Readiness Standards”?

- Standards that are considered **critical for success in the current grade** or subject and important for preparedness in the **grade or subject that follows**

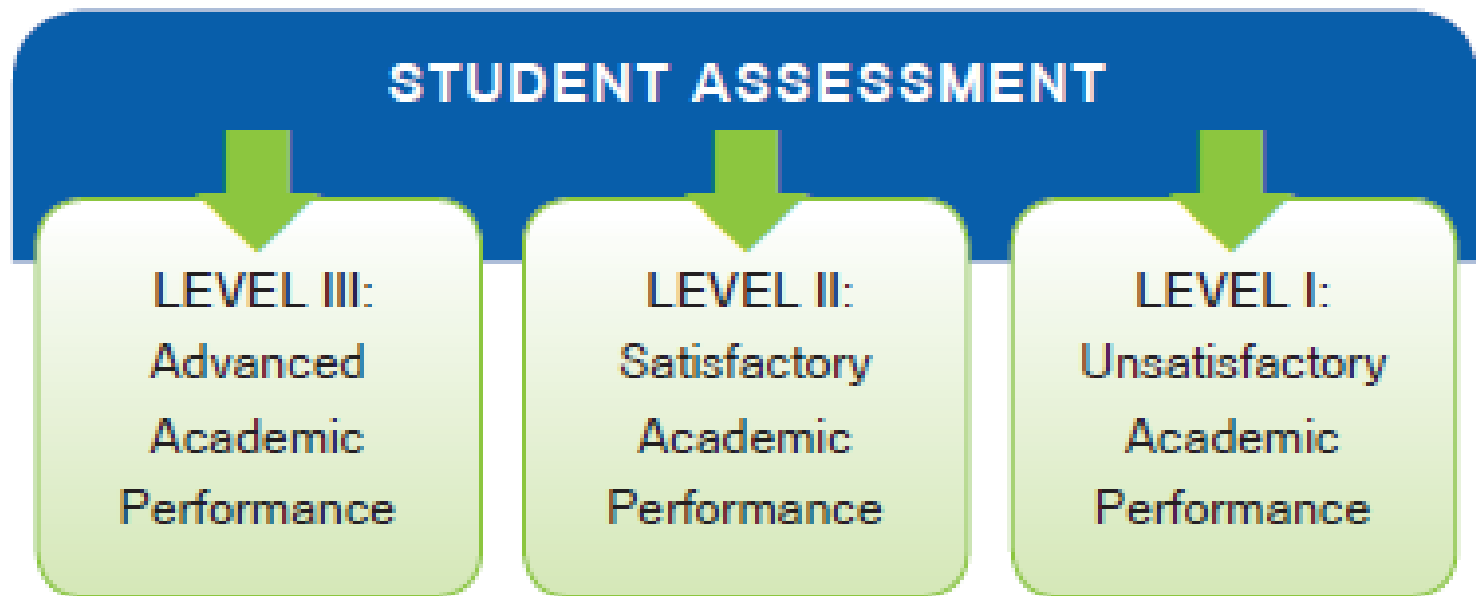
What is the Difference between TAKS & STAAR?

The difficulty level increased by:

- having more questions per test
- Having a time limit
- measuring a higher level of thinking in relation to content skills
- having more items where students will have to write in responses rather than selecting a response from those provided
- focusing more deeply on content taught during the current year
- measuring readiness

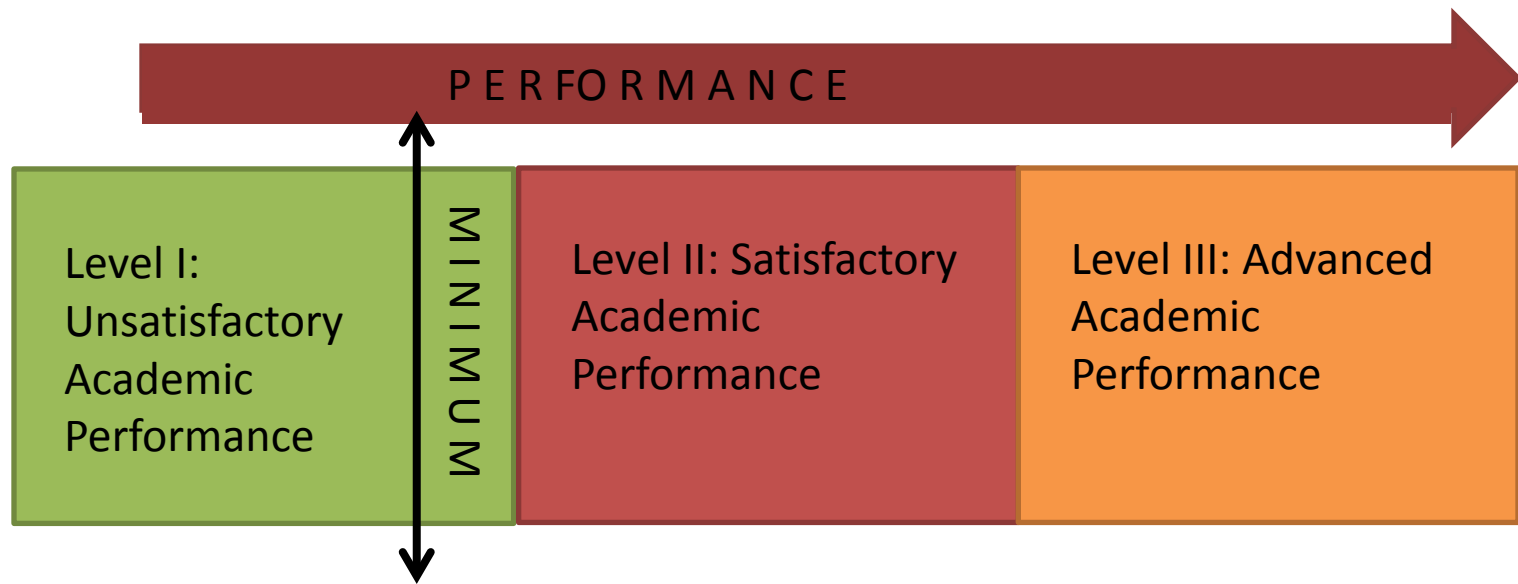
What is the Difference between STAAR & TAKS?

- Student scores will fall in to one of the three categories below.



End of Course Performance Categories

- Level III: Advanced Academic Performance
- Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance
- Level I: Unsatisfactory Academic Performance



	Level III Advanced Academic Performance	Level II Satisfactory Academic Performance	Level I Unsatisfactory Academic Performance
Prepared for Next Grade Level	Well Prepared	Sufficiently Prepared	Inadequately Prepared
Success in Next Grade/Course and Interventions	High likelihood of success with little or no intervention	Reasonable likelihood of success, may need short-term, targeted intervention	Unlikely to succeed, ongoing intervention
Critical Thinking and Applies Knowledge and Skills	Demonstrates critical thinking and applies knowledge and skills in varied contexts – familiar and unfamiliar	Generally demonstrates critical thinking and applies knowledge and skills in familiar contexts	Does not demonstrate a sufficient understanding of knowledge and skills

Results

Varies by test taken date...

- For May End of Course, parents will be notified by June 14
- For 3-8 STAAR, parents will be notified by May 31



STATE OF TEXAS ASSESSMENTS OF ACADEMIC READINESS

Confidential Student Report

GRADE 7

FIRSTNAME I. LASTNAME

Date of Birth: mm/dd/yy

Student ID (PEIMS): ****9999

Local Student ID: 99999999

District: 999-999 DISTRICT NAMEXX

Campus: 999 CAMPUS NAMEXXX

Class Group: CLASS GROUP NAME

Report Date: MONTH YEAR

Date of Testing: SEASON YEAR

Grade: 7

How did Firstname do on the STAAR Assessments?

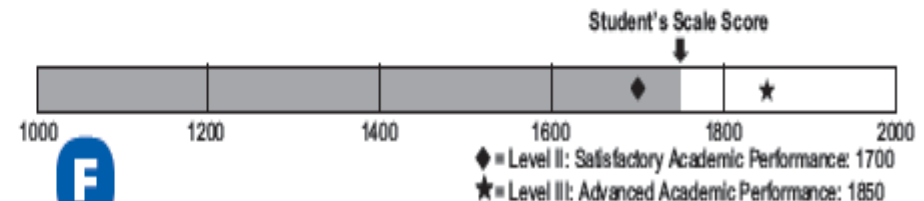
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READING													
Reporting Categories	Items Correct	Items Tested	Percent Correct										
			0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
1. Understanding/Analysis Across Genres	8	10											
2. Understanding/Analysis of Literary Texts	19	21											
3. Understanding/Analysis of Informational Texts	12	19											
TOTAL	39	50											

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Info	Test Date	Scale Score	Satisfactory Performance	Advanced Performance
	SPRING 2012	1750	YES	NO

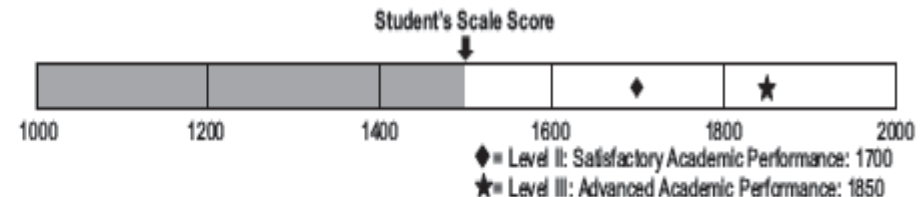


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MATHEMATICS													
Reporting Categories	Items Correct	Items Tested	Percent Correct										
			0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
1. Numbers, Operations, and Quantitative Reasoning	9	13											
2. Patterns, Relationships, and Algebraic Reasoning	6	13											
3. Geometry and Spatial Reasoning	8	10											
4. Measurement	3	8											
5. Probability and Statistics	4	10											
TOTAL	30	54											

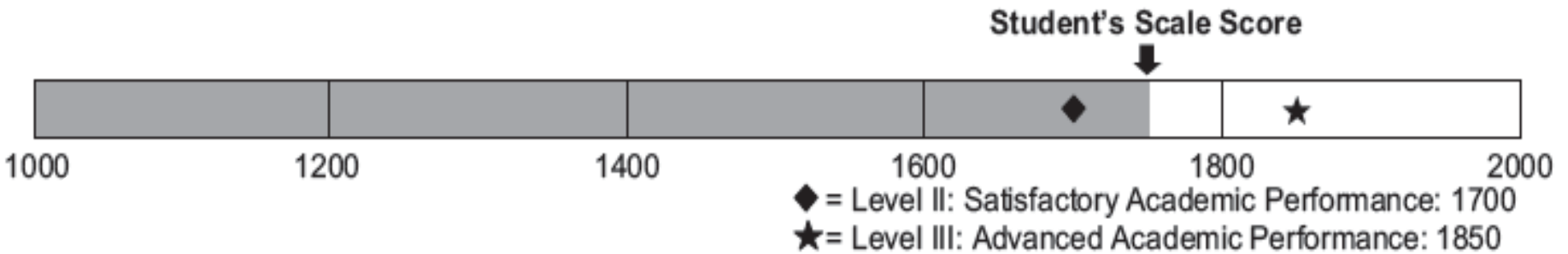
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Info	Test Date	Scale Score	Satisfactory Performance	Advanced Performance
	SPRING 2012	1500	NO	NO



E

Info	Test Date	Scale Score	Satisfactory Performance	Advanced Performance
	SPRING 2012	1750	YES	NO



E. Student's Scale Score This is your child's scale score, which shows his or her performance on the test. The STAAR scale score lets you compare your child's score with the Satisfactory and Advanced performance levels.

Student/Parent Data Portal

- At the bottom of the confidential student report, you should see the following language:
 - **To view your child's scores online, go to:**
<http://www.TexasAssessment.com/students>. The Unique Access Code is xxxxxx.

What If My Child Does Not Pass? 3-8

- The district must provide accelerated instruction to each student who fails to perform satisfactorily on an assessment
- In 5th and 8th grade, students will have a chance to retest in May

What If My Child Does Not Pass? EOC

- Student is not required to retake a course as a condition of retaking the assessment for that course
- Student may retest for any reason(to raise score)
- District provides accelerated instruction.

End-of-Course Assessments

- Current legislation impacts End of Course graduation requirements:
 - Under old legislation, there were 15 tests on which students had to meet a standard for graduation.
 - Proposed legislation moves the number of tests required for graduation to five

How Can I Help My STAAR Children?



- Stay informed of testing requirements
- Know your child's strengths and weaknesses
- Discuss with your child what he/she is doing and learning in the classroom
- Work with the school to assist your child
- Participate in all meetings where instructional decisions are made for your child (parent teacher conferences, ARDs, etc...)

Interactive True or False?



- 1) All students will take STAAR this school year (2012-2013).
- 2) STAAR is designed to be an easier test than TAKS.
- 3) STAAR is designed to measure readiness for college and career success.
- 4) Parents can access student score online.