

### North East Independent School District

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Associate Superintendent for Instruction and Campus Administration

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the 2019-2020 school year, NEISD students will have opportunities to take various state assessments mandated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for their respective grade levels. NEISD is committed to providing all of our students with the knowledge and skills to be successful on the state assessments. The state assessments listed below will be administered in NEISD this spring. Please refer to the following page for spring 2020 District testing dates.

#### State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR):

NEISD students in grades 3-11 will take the STAAR exam for their respective grade levels. Students in grades 3-8 will take the following assessments:

- Math\*—Grades 3-8
- Reading\*—Grades 3-8
- Science-Grades 5 & 8
- Social Studies—Grade 8 only

#### **STAAR End-of-Course (EOC):**

First time 9th graders are required to take the End-of-Course exams for courses in which coursework has been completed by spring 2020. To meet the STAAR graduation requirements, students must pass exams for Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and U.S. History.

#### **STAAR Alternate 2:**

STAAR Alternate 2 is a standardized item-based assessment administered to special education students with significant cognitive disabilities.

#### **Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS):**

All NEISD K-12 students classified as Limited English Proficient (LEP)/English Learners (EL) are required to participate in TELPAS, including those students whose parents have declined bilingual/English as a Second Language (ESL) program services. TELPAS is an online assessment with components that include listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

#### Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System Alternate (TELPAS Alternate):

NEISD students taking TELPAS Alternate are Limited English Proficient (LEP)/English Learners (EL) in grades 2-12 who have significant cognitive disabilities and are in the process of acquiring English proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Should you have any questions about state assessments, please contact your student's campus administration or school counselor.

Sincerely,

Donna Newman, Ed.D.

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Associate Superintendent of Instruction and Campus Administration

<sup>\*</sup>The state's Student Success Initiative (SSI) passed by the 76th Legislature, requires students in grades 5 and 8 pass both the math and reading STAAR exams in order to be promoted to the next grade level.



# NEISD District Testing Dates Spring 2020

## Elementary STAAR Testing Dates\* April 2020

Tuesday, April 7--STAAR Gr. 5 Math\*
Tuesday, April 7--STAAR Gr. 4 Writing\*
Wednesday, April 8--STAAR Gr. 5 Reading\*
Thursday, April 9—Gr. 4 Hyper-Accelerated Math (HAM) take Gr. 5 STAAR Math
Thursday, April 9--STAAR Make-up Day
Friday, April 10—GOOD FRIDAY

#### May 2020

Tuesday, May 12--STAAR Gr. 3-4 Math\*
Tuesday, May 12--Gr. 5 Math Retest\*
Tuesday, May 12—Gr. 5 Hyper-Accelerated Math (HAM) takes Gr. 6 STAAR
Wednesday, May 13--STAAR Gr. 3-4 Reading\*
Wednesday, May 13--STAAR Gr. 5 Reading Retest\*
Thursday, May 14--STAAR Gr. 5 Science\*
Friday, May 15--STAAR Make-up Day
\*English and Spanish assessments administered

## High School STAAR Testing Dates\* April 2020

Tuesday, April 7--STAAR EOC English I (TEA date) Wednesday, April 8--STAAR EOC English II (TEA date) Thursday, April 9--STAAR EOC Make-up Friday, April 10—**GOOD FRIDAY** 

#### May 2020

Tuesday, May 5--STAAR EOC Algebra I (District Date) Wednesday, May 6--STAAR EOC Biology (District Date) Thursday, May7--STAAR EOC U.S. History (District Date) Friday, May 8--STAAR EOC Make-up

\*As per House Bill 3—No STAAR testing on the first instructional day of the week. This does not apply to TELPAS or STAAR Alternate 2 testing windows.



### Middle School STAAR Testing Dates\* April 2020

Tuesday, April 7--STAAR Gr. 8 Math Tuesday, April 7--STAAR Gr. 7 Writing Wednesday, April 8--STAAR Gr. 8 Reading Thursday, April 9—Gr. 7 Pre-AP Math take Gr. 8 STAAR Math Thursday, April 9--STAAR Make-up Day

Friday, April 10—GOOD FRIDAY

#### May 2020

Tuesday, May 5--Algebra I EOC (District Date)
Thursday, May 7--STAAR Gr. 8 Science
Friday, May 8--STAAR Gr. 8 Social Studies
Tuesday, May 12--STAAR Gr. 6/7 Math
Tuesday, May 12--STAAR Gr. 8 Math Retest
Wednesday, May 13--STAAR Gr. 6/7 Reading
Wednesday, May 13--STAAR Gr. 8 Reading Retest
Thursday, May 14--STAAR Make-up Day
Friday, May 15—STAAR Make-up Day



#### **TELPAS & TELPAS Alternate:**

#### **Testing window:**

Monday, February 24, 2020 - Friday, March 27, 2020. \* \*Eligibility criteria required



#### STAAR Alternate 2:

**Testing window:** 

Monday, March 30, 2020 - Friday, April 17, 2020. \* \*Eligibility criteria required