



North East Independent School District

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Associate Superintendent
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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

*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.

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,

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