

# **Universal Academy**

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**2020-2021**

**STAAR and STAAR-End-of-Course (EOC)  
Assessments**



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- The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR<sup>®</sup>, is the state testing program that was implemented in the 2011–2012 school year.
- The Texas Education Agency (TEA), in collaboration with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and Texas educators, developed the STAAR program in response to requirements set forth by the 80th and 81st Texas legislatures.
- STAAR is an assessment program designed to measure the extent to which students have learned and are able to apply the knowledge and skills defined in the state-mandated curriculum standards, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).
- Every STAAR question is directly aligned to the TEKS currently implemented for the grade/subject or course being assessed.
- For more information about the STAAR program, visit the STAAR Resources webpage at <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar>

# In what grades, subjects, and courses are students assessed under the STAAR-EOC Program?

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## **STAAR**

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

## **STAAR-EOC (High School)**

- Algebra I
- English I
- English II
- Biology
- U.S. History

# Student Performance Described on STAAR and EOC

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- For the STAAR program, the labels for the performance scores are:
  - Masters Grade Level (passing)
  - Meets Grade Level (passing)
  - Approaches Grade Level (passing)
  - Did Not Meet Grade Level (not passing)

# 2020-2021 Assessment Participation

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- According to the guidance provided by the Texas Education Agency, students will only be able to be administered the state assessments in a proctored testing environment on campus.
- For those students who are already in-person or hybrid, state assessments will be scheduled and administered.
- For those students who are virtual, the Texas Education Agency has instructed school districts and charter schools to inform parents of the assessment opportunities and benefits and make arrangements for students to come to campus and participate in the 2020-2021 state assessment program.

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- This assessment is designed to measure what students have learned in each grade and whether or not they are prepared for the next grade level.
- The goal is to ensure that all students receive what they need to be academically successful.
- **The assessment must be taken In-Person, On-Campus at Universal Academy.**

# The Benefits of taking the STAAR and End-Of-Course (EOC) Assessments

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- The STAAR provides valuable information for the teachers each year in order to provide appropriate instruction that supports students in content areas.
- The STAAR progress measure provides valuable information that aide in the determination of assessment accommodations for classroom, district and state assessments so that students are successful.
- The STAAR data gives an overall performance measure of a student's academic level in a particular grade and specific concepts taught.



# Remote/Virtual Learners

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- Universal Academy will be offering virtual students' opportunities to come on campus and take the STAAR assessment.
- The STAAR and STAAR-EOC assessment will take 1 day.
- The assessment is an online/paper assessment measuring growth in Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

# CDC Guidelines

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- Students will be spaced according to the CDC guidelines and all equipment will be sanitized before and after use.
- **All students will be required to wear a mask while they are on campus.**

# Cell Phones

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- Students will be required to check-in their cell phones when they enter the campus.
- Cell phones are not allowed in the testing areas.

# Texas Education Agency (TEA) STAAR and STAAR-EOC Testing Calendars

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- The Testing Calendars can be found at:

<https://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/calendars/>

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