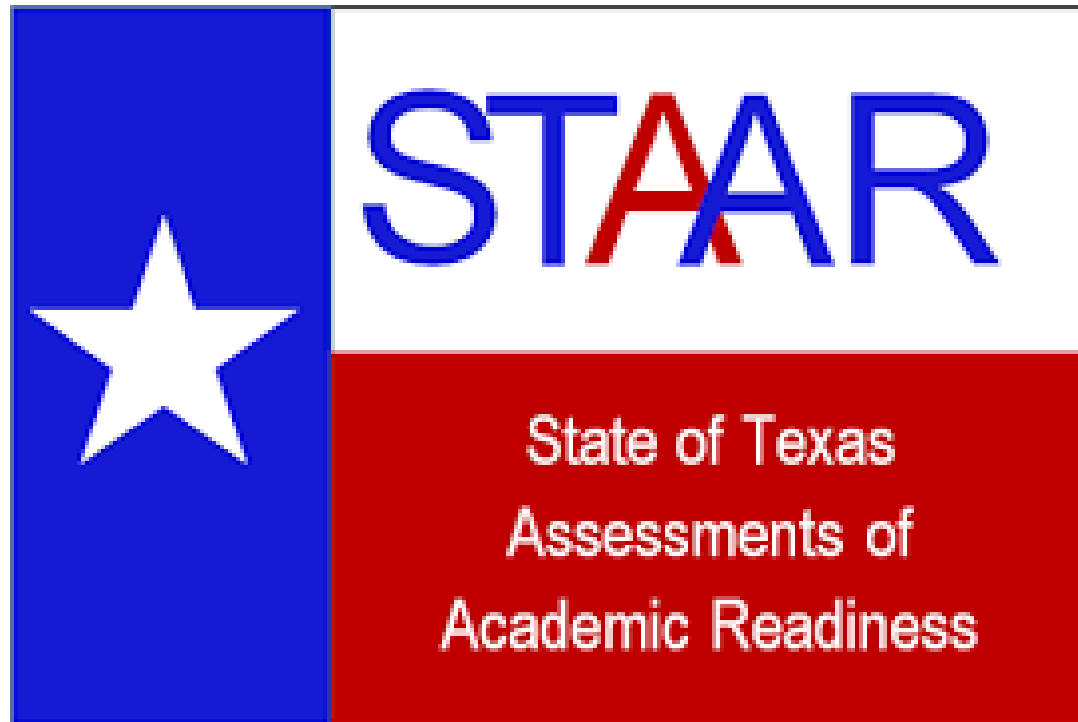


State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness



Testing Dates

April 10th: 5th Grade Math &
4th Grade Writing

April 11th: 5th Grade Reading

May 14th: 3rd and 4th Grade Math

May 15th: 3rd and 4th Grade Reading

May 16th: 5th Grade Science

Each testing session is 4 hours.

READING STAAR

How can parents help?

- Make sure that students read at least 30 minutes daily!
- Read with your children, have conversations about what they are reading and ask questions.
- “Think out loud” to help your child understand how to logically think through the information.
- Make sure your child’s work shows clear thinking, as well as the depth of their thinking.

MATH STAAR

STAAR MATH GRADES 3, 4, & 5

What does the test look like?

3rd Grade Question:

Luther waited 50 minutes in line to buy tickets to a play. While waiting, Luther played his video game for 12 minutes and read a book for 25 minutes. The rest of the time, Luther talked to his best friend Chuck. How much time did Luther spend talking to Chuck?

A. 38 minutes B. 25 minutes C. 37 minutes D. 13 minutes

Multistep problem – must add $12 + 25$, then subtract from 50.

Complex question – missing an addend, not a sum ($12 + 25 + \underline{\quad} = 50$)

Logical reasoning - must recognize choices A, B, and C are too large based on context of the problem. If you misunderstand the question, answer A or B could seem reasonable.

STAAR MATH GRADES 3, 4, & 5

How Parents Can Help?

- Help your child **memorize multiplication facts**- practice with flashcards
- Encourage your child **to show all their work** and explain it to you
- **Model your thinking aloud** to solve problems and then have your child solve a similar problem
- **Use math vocabulary** with your child
- **Make connections** to every day math
- **Make your child read EVERYDAY**. Good reading skills are essential to understanding STAAR math problems.

How Parents Can Help? (cont.)

Ask Your Child Higher Level Questions

- How would you explain?
- Why does this work/not work ...?
- How could you verify...?
- How would you prove... or disprove...?
- What can you conclude about...?
- What information lead you to draw this conclusion?
- Where else could you apply this thinking?

SCIENCE STAAR

How Can Parents Help?

- Practice science vocabulary at home. Have kids draw diagrams or demonstrate.
- Encourage discovery. “How do you think that happened?” “What if we changed this?”
- Get on the computer! TONS of science websites.

HELPING OUT AT HOME

Ways to help the day of the test...

- Do **wake up early** so your child won't feel rushed in the morning. Give them plenty of time to get ready.
- Make sure your child **eats a big breakfast**.
- Allow your child to **dress in comfortable clothing**. Let them bring a sweater or jacket to accommodate for temperature fluctuations.
- Please make sure your child **arrives at school on time** and is relaxed. Attendance on test dates is critical.
- Allow your child to bring extra reading materials as this is the only thing they will be able to do once their test is completed.

It's all about
ATTITUDE!

