

Understanding Your Child's Confidential Student Report (CSR)

A Guide for Parents

STAAR 3–8 Assessments (including STAAR Spanish, STAAR L, and STAAR A)

Grade 3*	Grade 4*	Grade 5*	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
	Writing			Writing	
Mathematics**	Mathematics**	Mathematics**	Mathematics**	Mathematics**	Mathematics**
		Science**			Science**
					Social Studies**

*Assessments available in Spanish.

**Linguistically accommodated version (STAAR L) available.

WHAT IS STAAR?

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) is the testing program for students in Texas public schools. The assessments are based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), the state-mandated curriculum. The curriculum contains the content and skills students need to learn in order to be successful in the current grade and to make academic progress from year to year. Each STAAR assessment measures what students are learning in a specific grade. STAAR L is a version of STAAR for students who are learning English. STAAR L uses linguistic accommodations to help students understand the language of the tests so that they can demonstrate their knowledge and skills. STAAR A is an online accommodated version of STAAR. It provides embedded supports designed to help students with disabilities access the content being assessed.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PARENT GUIDE?

Every child who takes a STAAR test gets a report showing his or her test results. This report is called the Confidential Student Report, or CSR for short. Carefully reviewing your child's test results can help you identify where your child is doing well and where he or she may need to improve.

This parent guide is based on a sample CSR for grade 7. You will notice that the grade 7 CSR on the next page shows test results for three subject areas: reading, mathematics, and writing. If your child took these subject-area tests at a different grade, his or her results will be reported in the same way as they are at grade 7. If your child took a science or social studies test, his or her test results will be reported in a similar way as the results for reading and mathematics. So no matter what grade your child is in, this grade 7 sample report will help you understand your child's actual test results.

WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE LEVELS FOR STAAR?

The STAAR assessments have three categories for performance. The categories are Level III: Advanced Academic Performance, Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance, and Level I: Unsatisfactory Academic Performance. Your child's performance level is indicated for each assessment he or she took.

If your child's report shows a "YES" under Level III: Advanced, he or she performed at a level that was well above passing. Performance in this category indicates that students are well prepared for the next grade and are highly likely to be successful in that grade.

If your child received a "NO" under Level III: Advanced but a "YES" under Level II: Satisfactory, he or she performed at a level that was at or above passing. Performance in this category indicates that students are sufficiently prepared for the next grade and are likely to be successful in that grade. However, students in this category may need some additional instruction focused on the content and skills that were difficult for them.

If your child's report shows a "NO" under Level II: Satisfactory, he or she performed at a level that was below passing. Performance in this category indicates that students are not adequately prepared for the next grade and are not likely to succeed in that grade without significant and ongoing instructional support.

Through the student data portal, parents and students can access assessment information across test administrations and years. You may access the portal by using the web address and student access code that are listed at the bottom of your child's actual test report.