



OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

If students are to be prepared for success after graduation, they must develop an increasingly complex set of knowledge and skills as they progress through school. In Texas, these are defined as the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and are approved by the State Board of Education. The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) is designed to help parents, teachers and administrators know what knowledge and skill students have mastered and where they still have gaps.



3RD GRADE
The TEKS include highly specific building blocks of knowledge and skills for each grade and subject.

Defining Expectations

Sample Student Expectation from 3rd Grade Math TEKS

Represent one-and-two step problems involving addition and subtraction of whole numbers to 1,000 using pictorial models, number lines and equations.

Example two-step equation: $736 + 197 - 150 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Measuring Expectations

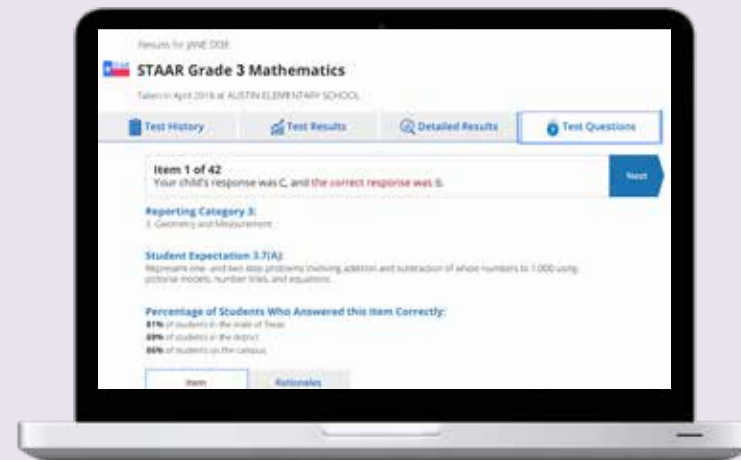
Actual STAAR Item Based on 3rd Grade Math TEKS

An art teacher had 736 crayons. She threw away 197 broken crayons. Then she bought 150 more crayons. Which equation shows how to find the number of crayons the art teacher has now?

- A $736 - 197 - 150 = \square$
- B $736 - 197 + 150 = \square$
- C $736 + 197 + 150 = \square$
- D $736 + 197 - 150 = \square$

How Parents View Results for Their Students

Each year a student takes the STAAR, parents receive a STAAR report card. They can also see results online at TexasAssessment.com. This allows a parent to see how a student did on the STAAR, review each individual question and answer (including their own child's answer), and learn how that question is related to a specific grade-level expectation of the TEKS.



TexasAssessment.com

OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS



School districts and campuses receive an annual performance rating from the Texas Education Agency, designed to take into account a variety of measures. Together, these measures give a broad picture of a school's or district's overall performance in helping students achieve academically.

ACHIEVEMENT

What students know and can do

PROGRESS

How far students have come

CLOSING THE GAPS

How different student groups are performing



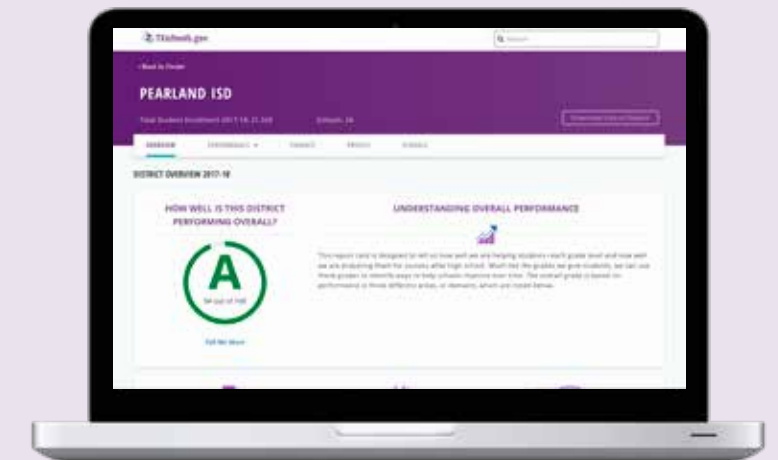
Academic Accountability Indicators

To determine the rating for a campus or district, the state accountability system takes into account a variety of academic indicators – including and beyond STAAR tests – to provide a comprehensive overview for parents and educators.

- AP/IB Exams
- Texas Success Initiative Assessments
- Enlistment in the Armed Forces
- Graduation Rates
- SAT/ACT Exams
- Industry-Based Certifications
- Associate's Degrees
- English Language Proficiency Tests
- STAAR Tests
- IEP & Workforce Transitions
- College Prep Classes
- Dual Credits

How We Communicate Results to the Community

District and campus accountability ratings are announced every August. For the most comprehensive look, parents, educators, and community members can visit TXschools.gov. This online resource provides the rating for every school in Texas, including details to spotlight outstanding work at the local level and to identify areas where support may be needed.



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