State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™)
Graduation Requirements

The graduation requirements differ for the three high school programs in which Texas students may enroll. The three programs are the Minimum High School Program (MHSP), the Recommended High School Program (RHSP), and the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP). Table 1 outlines the course and assessment-related requirements, starting with the incoming freshmen class of 2011–2012, for the three high school programs as mandated by the Texas Education Code (TEC).

Table 1: Graduation Requirements for High School Programs in Texas (starting in 2011–2012)

Program	Course Requirements* (pertaining to EOC)	Assessment-Related Requirements
Applies to all programs		o Student is required to achieve a cumulative score that is at least equal to the product of the number of STAAR EOC assessments required in a content area and the scale score that indicates Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance. Specific requirements by school year are provided in Tables 2–4. o Student must achieve a minimum score**, which is set within a reasonable range of the Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance standard, in order for the score to count towards the student's cumulative score. o A student's cumulative score is determined using the student's highest score on each STAAR EOC assessment the student is required to take for graduation purposes.
MHSP***	o English I reading, English II reading, English III reading o English I writing, English II writing, English III writing o Algebra I, geometry o biology o U.S. history and either world history or world geography	o Student must be administered STAAR EOC assessments only for courses in which the student is enrolled and for which an EOC assessment is offered; assessment scores only for courses specifically listed on the MHSP are required to count toward the cumulative score.

Program	Course Requirements* (pertaining to EOC)	Assessment-Related Requirements
RHSP	o English I reading, English II reading, English III reading o English I writing, English II writing, English III writing o Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II o biology, chemistry, physics o world geography, world history, U.S. history	o Student must take all 15 STAAR EOC assessments. o In addition to the cumulative score requirements, a student must meet or exceed the Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance standards for the STAAR English III reading, English III writing, and Algebra II assessments.
DAP	o English I reading, English II reading, English III reading o English I writing, English II writing, English III writing o Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II o biology, chemistry, physics o world geography, world history, U.S. history	o Student must take all 15 STAAR EOC assessments. o In addition to the cumulative score requirements, a student must meet or exceed the Level III: Advanced Academic Performance standards for the STAAR English III reading, English III writing, and Algebra II assessments.

* These are the course requirements that pertain specifically to the STAAR EOC assessments. Students may be required to take additional courses under each graduation program.

** The minimum score differs for each STAAR EOC assessment and could also be different depending on when the student takes his or her initial STAAR EOC assessment.

*** The specific curriculum and testing requirements for the minimum high school program in the mathematics, science, and social studies content areas may vary based on each student's course selection.

According to the requirements in Table 1, Texas high school students on the MHSP will need to take at least 11 STAAR EOC assessments, while students on the RHSP or DAP will need to complete all 15 STAAR EOC assessments.

Because the STAAR EOC performance standards will be phased in, the assessment-related graduation requirements differ based on the school year in which students take their initial STAAR EOC assessment in a content area. For example, a student who takes STAAR Algebra I in spring 2013 will have phase-in 1 Level II performance standards for all three mathematics assessments. Tables 2–4 show the specific assessment-related graduation requirements by school year.

Table 2: Assessment-Related Graduation Requirements for Students Who Begin Testing in 2011–2012 or 2012–2013

Program	Level II Cut Score	Cumulative Score Requirement	Additional Requirements
MHSP	o 1875 for English o 3500 for mathematics, science, and social studies	o 11250* for English o (# of assessments) × 3500 for mathematics, science, and social studies	o Student must meet or exceed the phase-in 1 minimum score for each EOC assessment for the score to count toward the cumulative score.
RHSP	o 1875 for English o 3500 for mathematics, science, and social studies	o 11250* for English o 10500** for mathematics, science, and social studies	o Student must meet or exceed the phase-in 1 minimum score for each EOC assessment for the score to count toward the cumulative score. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 1875 on English III reading and English III writing. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 3500 on Algebra II.
DAP	o 1875 for English o 3500 for mathematics, science, and social studies	o 11250* for English o 10500** for mathematics, science, and social studies	o Student must meet or exceed the phase-in 1 minimum score for each EOC assessment for the score to count toward the cumulative score. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 2135 on English III reading. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 2155 on English III writing. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 4080 on Algebra II.

* This cumulative score requirement is based on 6 × 1875 = 11250 for the English (reading and writing) content area.

** This cumulative score requirement is based on 3 × 3500 = 10500 for the mathematics, science, and social studies content areas.

Table 3: Assessment-Related Graduation Requirements for Students Who Begin Testing in 2013–2014 or 2014–2015

Program	Level II Cut Score	Cumulative Score Requirement	Additional Requirements
MHSP	o 1950 for English o 3750 for mathematics, science, and social studies	o 11700* for English o (# of assessments) × 3750 for mathematics, science, and social studies	o Student must meet or exceed the phase-in 2 minimum score for each EOC assessment for the score to count toward the cumulative score.
RHSP	o 1950 for English o 3750 for mathematics, science, and social studies	o 11700* for English o 11250** for mathematics, science, and social studies	o Student must meet or exceed the phase-in 2 minimum score for each EOC assessment for the score to count toward the cumulative score. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 1950 on English III reading and English III writing. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 3750 on Algebra II.
DAP	o 1950 for English o 3750 for mathematics, science, and social studies	o 11700* for English o 11250** for mathematics, science, and social studies	o Student must meet or exceed the phase-in 2 minimum score for each EOC assessment for the score to count toward the cumulative score. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 2356 on English III reading. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 2300 on English III writing. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 4411 on Algebra II.

* This cumulative score requirement is based on 6 × 1950 = 11700 for the English (reading and writing) content area.

** This cumulative score requirement is based on 3 × 3750 = 11250 for the mathematics, science, and social studies content areas.

Table 4: Assessment-related Graduation Requirements for Students Who Begin Testing in 2015–2016 and beyond

Program	Level II Cut Score	Cumulative Score Requirement	Additional Requirements
MHSP	o 2000 for English o 4000 for mathematics, science, and social studies	o 12000* for English o (# of assessments) × 4000 for mathematics, science, and social studies	o Student must meet or exceed the final minimum score for each EOC assessment for the score to count toward the cumulative score.
RHSP	o 2000 for English o 4000 for mathematics, science, and social studies	12000* for all content areas	o Student must meet or exceed the final minimum score for each EOC assessment for the score to count toward the cumulative score. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 2000 on English III reading and English III writing. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 4000 on Algebra II.
DAP	o 2000 for English o 4000 for mathematics, science, and social studies	12000* for all content areas	o Student must meet or exceed the final minimum score for each EOC assessment for the score to count toward the cumulative score. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 2356 on English III reading. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 2300 on English III writing. o Student must achieve a scale score of at least 4411 on Algebra II.

* This cumulative score requirement is based on 6 × 2000 = 12000 for the English (reading and writing) content area and 3 × 4000 = 12000 for the mathematics, science, and social studies content areas.