



TO: Governor Abbott
Lieutenant Governor Patrick
Speaker Bonnen of the House of Representatives
Members of the 87th Texas Legislature

FROM: Texas Education Agency

DATE: September 30, 2020

RE: Postsecondary Readiness Assessment Instruments

House Bill 5 passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature, 2013, added Section 39.0238 to the Texas Education Code requiring the adoption and administration of postsecondary readiness assessment instruments for English III and Algebra II that a school district may administer at the district's option. The statute also requires the agency to provide the legislature a report on the summary of student performance on the preceding year's postsecondary readiness assessment instruments.

Because the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®), including STAAR English III and Algebra II end-of-course (EOC) assessments, were cancelled for spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no student performance data from 2020 is available for this report.

Attached is summary information from the spring 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 administrations of the STAAR English III and Algebra II EOC assessments.

Please contact Governmental Relations at GovRel@tea.texas.gov or 512-463-9682 if you have any questions.



Number of 11th Graders in Texas [†]	351,888	363,655	371,871	373,213	377,208
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Number of 11th Grade Students Assessed	10,337	10,076	9,179	4,624	N/A
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Percent of 11th Grade Students Assessed [†]	2.9%	2.8%	2.5%	1.2%	N/A
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Percent of Test Takers at Approaches Grade Level [§]	70%	71%	72%	75%	N/A
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Percent of Test Takers at Masters Grade Level [¶]	13%	11%	13%	15%	N/A
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Number of Districts/Charters Participating	74	53	51 52	45 47	42 42
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