



The Examiner

UPDATES, REMINDERS, AND TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TESTING ADMINISTRATION

To EOC or Not to EOC

Middle School Partners Program Students

The goal of the Middle School Partners Program is to provide an intervention for over-age middle school students by providing an opportunity to earn credits for high school and get back into their grade level cohort with their peers. This is a unique program for these at-risk students of earning multiple credits needed to catch up and advance to high school.

Although their cohort peers may need to meet the graduation requirements of TAKS, any Middle School Partners student coded and classified as a first time 9th grader in the 2011-2012 school year must meet the graduation requirements of STAAR. Under the STAAR program, any core course for which a student is enrolled must take the corresponding End-of-Course (EOC).

Middle School Partners students are not required to take an EOC for course credits awarded in Fall 2011 or earlier (i.e. Algebra I or English I) but may choose to do so if they wish to increase their overall cumulative for that specific category beginning in the summer July 2012 test administration.

STAAR EOC assessments are not grade level based, instead they are tied to the specific course enrollment. If any of these students are continuing to complete courses from the fall 2011 into spring 2012 and are currently enrolled in these courses, they are subjected to participating in EOC.

If a Partners student accelerates and catches up with their cohort, they will still need to meet the STAAR EOC graduation requirements if they were classified as a first time 9th grader in 2011-2012.

February Training

Please mark your Outlook calendars

STAAR ALT Coordinators	2/02
TELPAS Coordinators (Reading Test)	2/6 or 2/7
HS TAKS Coordinators (Retest & ELA)	2/14
District Testing Monitors (For non-campus personnel only)	2/27
HS STAAR Coordinators	2/28
ES & MS STAAR Coordinators	2/28 or 3/1

Check online Testing Calendar for specific times and the latest updates!

2012 General Test Security & Confidentiality Training Reminders



- There is no "General Test Administrator Manual" nor a "General Oath".
- TELPAS raters must be trained by February 20th.
- Entire campus staff must be trained by March 2nd for HS and March 23rd for ES/MS/Academies.
- Training sign-in sheet must be used as proof of training.
- The "Non-Certified Personnel Oath" may be used for para-professionals, custodians, cafeteria workers, office clerks, etc.
- Only designated test administrators will sign the "Oath of Test Security and Confidentiality for Test Administrator".
- STAAR ALT teachers are not required to attend this training (they met training requirements in the fall).



SAISD Accountability Ratings for 2011-2012

Campuses will be evaluated based on this year's student performance

Accountability, Research and Evaluation has developed a district accountability system and will apply the same standards as the State Accountability in 2011, with the exception of Math and Science which have been increased by 5 points at the Acceptable level, to 70% and 65%, respectively. SAISD accountability ratings will include measures for academics, dropout, and completion rate. Required Improvement and Exceptions will be applied as in past years. The ELL Progress Measure and Commended Measure will not be included in the 2012 SAISD-issued ratings.

2012 SAISD Accountability	Reading/ELA	Writing	Social Studies	Math	Science	Dropout Rate (Gr. 7-8)	Completion Rate (HS Only)
Academically Acceptable	70%	70%	70%	70%	65%	1.6%	75.0%
Recognized	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	1.6%	85.0%
Exemplary	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	1.6%	95.0%

High Schools

The results for students taking STAAR EOC will be combined with TAKS results for 10th and 11th grade first time testers.

Academies, Elementary and Middle Schools

Cut scores have been established to set a SAISD Passing Standard for grades 3-8 STAAR assessments. Students taking high school courses for credit will be taking the EOC and their results will be included as well. Students taking both an EOC and grade-level STAAR exam for the same subject will use the higher score of the two to determine overall passing rate for the campus.

State-developed passing standards for the EOC exams and SAISD-developed passing standards for grade 3-8 STAAR assessments are set to be released in March 2012. Please note Federal Accountability passing standards have not been set by TEA at this time. They will be shared once they become available.



The Testing Department welcomes suggestions for future newsletter topics and discussions. Please send ideas to upuente@saisd.net.

Testing Department Mission Statement

To provide support, information, and technical assistance for successful and effective implementation of all state and federal test requirements.

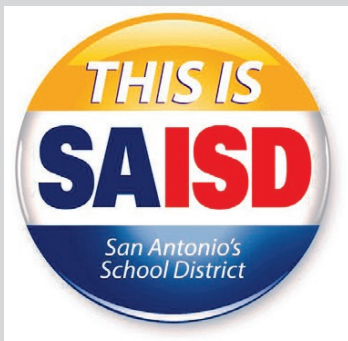
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