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Dear Brazosport ISD Parents and Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to properly inform you per state requirements of when STAAR testing results for the 2020-21 school year will be available to view online in the state of Texas Student Assessment Portal, which can be found at <u>www.texasassessments.com</u>. Using the directions enclosed with this letter, you will be able to go online using a computer or smart device to access your child's scores the moment they become available. You will also be able to view your child's entire state testing history. The schedule for release of 2020-21 STAAR Test Scores is as follows:

2020-21 STAAR Tests Administration	Date of Scores Release to Student Portal
2020 December STAAR EOC retest (Alg, US, Bio, Eng I, Eng II)	January 18, 2021
2021 Spring TELPAS K-12	May 24, 2021
2021 Spring TELPAS Alternate 2-12	May 17, 2021
2021 April 4th & 7th Writing	June 28, 2021
2021 April STAAR Alternate 2	May 31, 2021
2021 April STAAR EOC (Eng 1, Eng II)	June 15, 2021
2021 May STAAR EOC (Alg, Bio, US)	June 15, 2021
2021 May STAAR 3-8	June 28, 2021
2021 June STAAR 5th & 8th Math & Reading Retest	June 21, 2021
2021 June EOC Retest (Alg, US, Bio, Eng 1, Eng II)	July 30, 2021



Once you log into the Texas Student Assessment Portal and access your child's results, what do the scores mean? Use the table below to help you understand the following terms:

<i>Masters</i> Grade Level	Passing Score	Means that your child is expected to succeed in the next grade level or course with little or no academic intervention. Formerly known as "advanced".
<i>Meets</i> Grade Level	Passing Score	Means that your child has a high likelihood of success in the next grade or course but may still need some short-term intervention.
<i>Approaches</i> Grade Level	Passing Score	Means that your child met the assessment requirements for promotion and is considered to have met at least the minimum passing standard.
Does Not Meet Grade Level	Not a Passing Score	Means that your child did not meet the minimum passing standard for that assessment. Students at this level will need significant academic intervention.

If you do not have access to a computer or smart device, contact your child's home campus and a paper copy of your child's testing results will be provided. Please do not hesitate to contact the Brazosport ISD administration building (979-730-7000) or your child's home campus if you should have additional questions or if we can provide support to you in any way.

Sincerely

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#### Steps to Access Your Child's STAAR Scores:

- 1. Go to www.texasassessments.com
- 2. You will see a screen like this:

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5. If you have your access code, enter the code and your child's birthdate and click "log in to student portal" to view scores.

6. If you do NOT have your access code, click on "Find My Unique Student Access Code" link.

7. You will then see a screen like this:

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	Student's First Name
	SSN or S-Number Go
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# 8. Enter your child's **first name only** and his or her **social security number in the SSN or S-Number Field**, and **birthdate. Then click the blue "Go" button.**

9. Your access code will appear in the code field with a message saying, "Access Code Lookup Successful". Click the blue "Go" button again to see your child's scores. Be sure to write down your access code for future use. The code is good for as long as your child is in a public school in Texas.

## Four Things Families Should Know About the 2021 STAAR





#### This year's STAAR results are for learning and recovery only.

- ★ The scores will not be used to rate schools or districts or to evaluate teachers.
- ★ They will not affect promotion for students in any grades.
- \* Graduating students will have other options to meet the graduation requirements.
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#### Schools and districts will use STAAR to identify learning gaps.

- Teachers will use the scores to better understand how the pandemic impacted learning and develop plans to address learning gaps.
- ★ District leaders will use the results to ensure the schools and students in greatest need receive the resources they need for recovery.

### STAAR will be given in-person with safety protocols in place to ensure every student is safe, monitored, and supported by a teacher.

- ★ For students who take the test online, this guarantees they have a reliable device and internet and a teacher to address any technology issues.
- ★ Districts will establish their own guidelines to ensure that students are safe. Schools may use spaces like cafeterias and gyms so students have more space.

### Families can access their child's scores in the school portal, along with tailored resources by mid-summer.

- \* Parents can view their child's scores by logging into the school portal or by visiting TexasAssessment.gov.
- As always, the results will include detailed information in each subject, including areas of strength and gaps in learning, actual test questions, and tailored resources parents can use at home to support learning.



# The partnership between schools and families has never been more important.

STAAR is just one of many ways to measure student learning. It isn't meant to tell the whole story, but should be combined with other measures like personal observations, teacher feedback, and grades to give families a more complete picture of their child's learning over the past year.

This year, your child's scores may be lower than in previous years. It is important that your child knows this is because of the learning disruptions over the past year. Families should discuss their child's STAAR results with their child's teachers in the fall to co-create a learning plan to get their children back on track.