

Lake Travis ISD STAAR FAQ

Listed below are answers to some frequently asked STAAR/EOC questions. The link to the TEA is listed at the bottom of this list.

Q - When do the changes go into effect?

A - See chart below for the TAKS to EOC transition:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Grade 9	TAKS	EOC	EOC	EOC	EOC
Grade 10	TAKS	TAKS	EOC	EOC	EOC
Grade 11	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	EOC	EOC
Grade 12	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	EOC or *TAKS

Q - Which courses have an EOC test?

A- There are 4 content areas that are tested - English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. In each content area, there will be 3 subject tests. In the ELA area, each subject test is broken into 2 parts, for a total of 15 EOC tests:

- ELA - English I (Writing & Reading), English II (Writing & Reading), English III (Writing & Reading)
- Math - Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
- Social Studies - World Geography, World History, U.S. History
- Science - Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Q - What do students have to make on each test in order to graduate?

A - Students must achieve a cumulative score "at least equal to the product of the number of EOC assessments taken in that content area and a scale score that indicates satisfactory performance".

- Passing scale score will be determined by TEA
- Student must achieve a minimum score on an EOC exam for the score to count toward the cumulative score
- Cumulative score requirement may vary by subject area
- If a student retests, the highest score is used to determine the cumulative score

Q - Are there different requirements for the Minimum, Recommended, Distinguished, and Lake Travis Scholars Graduation plans?

A - Yes.

- Minimum Plan - Meet the cumulative score requirement, based on the number of courses a student takes for which an EOC assessment exists
- Recommended Plan - In addition to the cumulative score requirement, students must perform satisfactorily on the EOC assessments for Algebra II and English III

- Distinguished and Lake Travis Scholars Plan - In addition to the cumulative score requirement, students must perform satisfactorily on the college readiness component of the Algebra II and English III EOC assessments

Q - What about retesting?

A - If a student doesn't achieve the minimum score required, then the student SHALL retake the assessment. There are also other reasons why a student might retake an EOC:

- A student can retake the EOC in order to earn credit for the course.
- A student may retake any exam at any time even if they passed the assessment:
 - ✓ If the student doesn't perform satisfactorily on the college-readiness components for Algebra II or English III, the student MAY retake the assessment.
 - ✓ If the student performed satisfactorily but would like to try for a higher score to raise their cumulative score
- A student does NOT have to retake a course in order to retake an EOC assessment.

Q - Does the EOC test score count for anything?

A - Yes. The student's score on an EOC assessment will be worth 15% of the student's final grade for that course.

Q – How will the 15% be calculated in a students’ grade?

Semester Calculation The average of both nine weeks will equal **eighty percent (80%)** of the semester grade plus the semester exam grade which will equal **twenty percent (20%)** of the semester grade.

$$\left(\frac{\text{Nine Week Average} + \text{Nine Week Average}}{2} \right) \times 0.80 + (\text{Semester Exam} \times 0.20) = \text{Semester Grade}$$

Final Course Grade Calculation (with EOC Exam as 15%) The average of both semesters will equal eighty-five percent (85%) of the final course grade plus the EOC exam score will equal fifteen percent (15%) of the final course grade.

$$\left(\frac{\text{Fall Sem Avg} + \text{Spring Sem Avg}}{2} \right) \times 0.85 + (\text{EOC Exam Score} \times 0.15) = \text{Final Course Grade}$$

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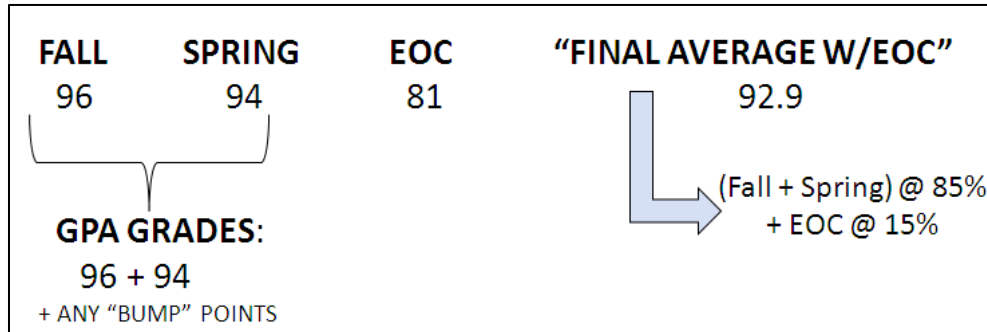
Q – Will students still be able to earn partial credit?

A – Yes. In courses where students are required to take an EOC exam, students may earn 0.5 credits for any semester where a grade of 70% or higher is earned, however students must earn a final course grade equal to or greater than seventy percent (70%) in order to earn 1.0 credit for the course. The final course grade includes the STAAR EOC as 15% of final grade. **(EIA LOCAL)**

Q – Will the EOC scores impact GPA and Class Rank?

A – No. EOC assessment scores will not be included in GPA or class rank. GPA and Class Rank will continue to be calculated from the students’ fall and spring semester grades. **(EIC LOCAL)**

The graphic below shows a students’ fall and spring semester grades of 96 and 94 which will go into GPA and then a separate EOC score and Final Average that includes the EOC which do not go into GPA.



Q - Since there are 15 exams, will the tests be scattered throughout the spring?

A - No. Assessments may not be administered earlier than the first full week in May. An exception allows English I, II, and III to be administered earlier in the spring. The draft schedule for 2011-2012 from TEA indicates English testing March 26-30, 2012 and other EOC tests May 7-18, 2012.

Q - What are the testing options for special education students?

A - TEA is developing modified and alternate versions of assessments to be offered under the STAAR program.

Q - Where can I go to find additional information?

A - [The Texas Education Agency Assessment Division: End-of-Course Assessments page](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3302&menu_id3=793)
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