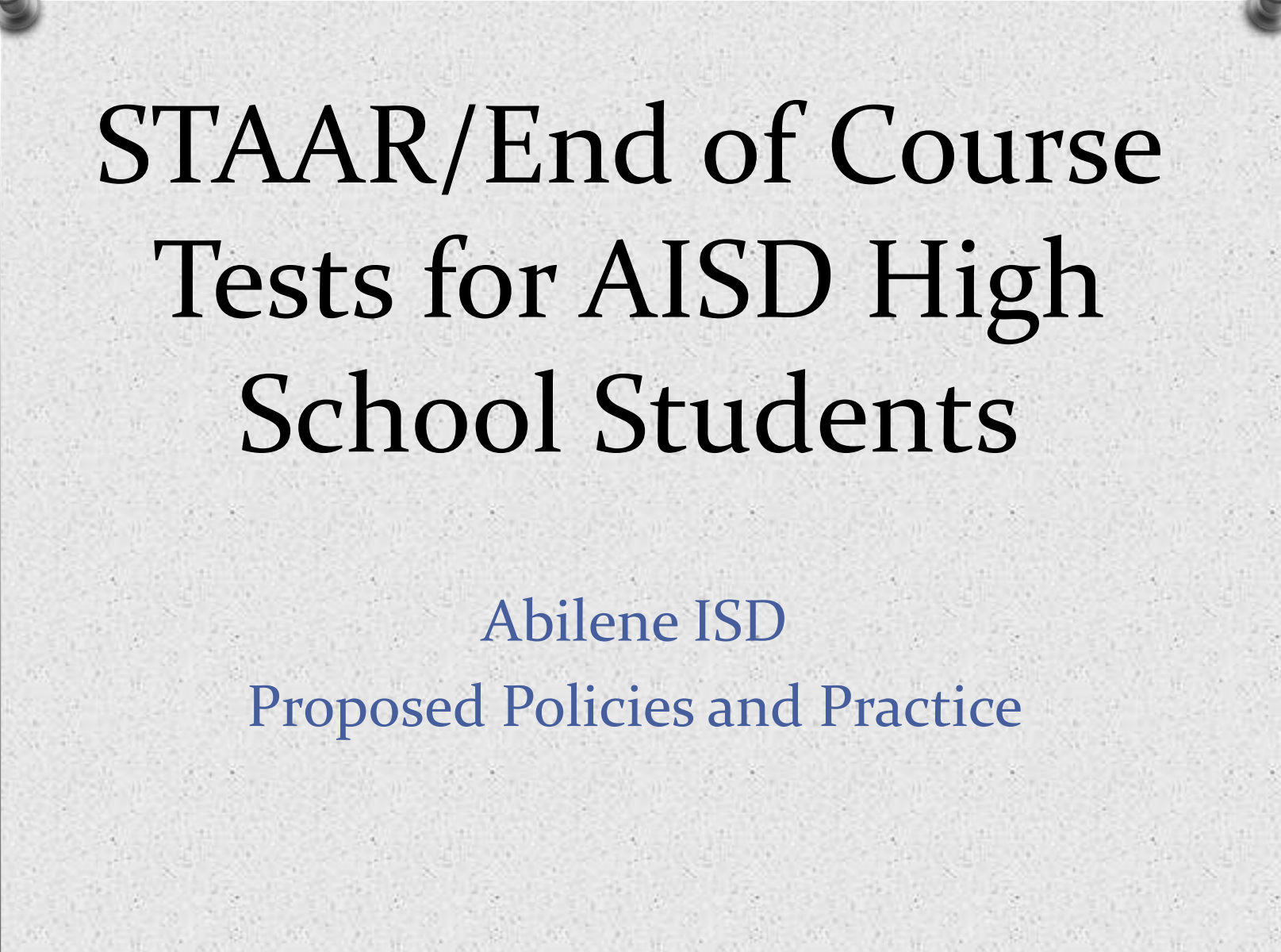




Abilene ISD
A New STAAR
Rising

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness



STAAR/End of Course
Tests for AISD High
School Students

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Proposed Policies and Practice

STAAR

End-of-Course Tests

- STAAR replaces TAKS in March 2012
- 2011-12 9th grade students must take End-of-Course (EOC) tests for the courses in which they are enrolled.
- The first round of EOCs are only to be taken by first-year freshmen and by 8th graders who are taking Algebra I.

STAAR

End-of-Course Tests

- o Students must pass the courses required by the 4x4 and their graduation programs.
- o Students currently in grades 10 and 11 will continue to take the TAKS tests.

EOC Subject Areas

English Language Arts

English I

English II

English III*

Mathematics

Algebra I

Geometry

Algebra II*

Social Studies

World Geography

World History

U.S. History

Sciences

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

* Also has College Readiness Score

STAAR vs. TAKS

- Compared to TAKS, STAAR has:
 - More tests in high school
 - Increased difficulty, rigor, and complexity
 - 4-hour time limit
 - Cumulative scoring
 - Scores count as 15% of final course grade

New: Assessment for All Students

- o STAAR for all!
- o Serves the needs of students in Special Education
- o Serves the needs of English Language Learners

New: EOC Scoring

Four different scores

– Yet to be set by the Commissioner of Education ... Expected April 2012

- o Minimum Score
 - o Students who do not achieve minimum score must retake test
 - o Example: Passing 70 Minimum 60
- o Passing Score
- o College Readiness Score
- o Cumulative Score

New: EOC Scoring

- o College Readiness Score
 - o Given for Algebra II and English III EOCs
 - o Measures a student's readiness to succeed in an entry-level college course in Math and English

New: EOC Scoring

o Cumulative Score

o The scores from all three tests in the same core subject area are added together to get the cumulative score.

o Example: $62 \text{ (English I)} + 70 \text{ (English II)} + 78 \text{ (English III)} = 210 \text{ cumulative score}$

o A student could achieve the minimum score on all three tests but not meet the cumulative score requirement.

o Test retake would be necessary even though minimum score was met.

New:

Student Performance Levels

- o **Level III:** Advanced Academic Performance
(formerly “Commended”)
- o **Level II:** Satisfactory Academic Performance
(formerly “Met Standard”)
- o **Level I:** Unsatisfactory Academic Performance
(formerly “Did Not Meet Standard”)

- o **The scores for all 3 levels have not yet been determined.**

PERFORMANCE



Level I:
Unsatisfactory
Academic
Performance

Level II:
Satisfactory
Academic
Performance

Level III:
Advanced
Academic
Performance

MINIMUM SCORE



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Texas Education Agency
Student Assessment Division

New: Impact on Graduation Program Requirements

- o Recommended Graduation Program
(required by all 4-year colleges in Texas)
 - o Must take all 12 EOC tests
 - o Must meet cumulative score requirements in each of the four core subject areas.
 - o Must achieve Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance on the Algebra II and English III EOC tests.

New: Impact on Graduation Program Requirements

- o Distinguished Achievement Program
 - o Must take all 12 EOC tests.
 - o Must meet the cumulative score requirement in each of the four subject areas.
 - o Must achieve Level III: Advanced Academic Performance on the Algebra II and English III EOC tests.

New: EOC Retakes

- o Retake tests will be administered three times a year:
 - o End of fall semester
 - o End of spring semester
 - o Summer
- o A student **must** retake an EOC test that does not meet the minimum score.
- o A student **may** retake an EOC test as many times as he/she chooses.

New: EOC Retakes

- o However:

- o In AISD, once a student has successfully completed a course, has an EOC score above the minimum score (above satisfactory in Alg. II and Eng. III) and has received credit for the course, the scores earned from a retake of an EOC Assessment will only count toward a student's cumulative score.
- o A student can retake the EOC as many times as he/she wants in an effort to raise the cumulative score.

New: Awarding of Credit

- o In **EOC courses** in middle and high school, credit is now awarded at the end of the year:
 - o 1st Semester Grade (42.5%) + 2nd Semester Grade (42.5%) = 85%
 - o EOC test = 15% of grade*
 - o *Credit will be marked “pending” until EOC scores are received.
 - o TEA will send scores to school districts no later than June 8, 2012.

Sample Semester Grade Calculation

Student	Grades			Calculation of Semester Grade	Sem. Avg.
	1 st Sem. Avg. 42.5%	2 nd Sem. Avg. 42.5%	EOC 15%		Final Sem. Avg.
Anna	82	76	65	$82(.425) + 76(.425) + 65(.15) =$	76.9
Beyonce	72	70	50	$72(.425) + 70(.425) + 50(.15) =$	67.85
Carlos	70	70	90	$70(.425) + 70(.425) + 90(.15) =$	73
Darsh	98	98	50	$98(.425) + 98(.425) + 50(.15) =$	90.8
Enrique	60	65	75	$60(.425) + 65(.425) + 75(.15) =$	64.38

New: Class Rank & GPA

- STAAR EOC scores will not be used in calculations of GPA and Class Rank. Grades received for the 1st Semester and the 2nd Semester of each course will be used in GPA and Class Rank.

Sample EOC Report Card

ART2 DRAW PREAP	02213-N-41	AHS	1	1	87			SIMER, JULIE
ART2 DRAW PREAP	02213-N-41	AHS	1	2	95			SIMER, JULIE
ART2 DRAW PREAP	02213-N-41	AHS	1	3	95			SIMER, JULIE
ART2 DRAW PREAP	02213-N-41	AHS	1	S	92	0.5	Credit	SIMER, JULIE
BIO	06121-N-15	AHS	1	1	77			SCOTT, MICHAEL
BIO	06121-N-15	AHS	1	2	71			SCOTT, MICHAEL
BIO	06121-N-15	AHS	1	3	72			SCOTT, MICHAEL
BIO	06121-N-15	AHS	1	S	73	0	Pending EOC	SCOTT, MICHAEL
ENG 1	01121-N-35	AHS	1	1	91			HILL, JENNIFER
ENG 1	01121-N-35	AHS	1	2	80			HILL, JENNIFER
ENG 1	01121-N-35	AHS	1	3	86			HILL, JENNIFER
ENG 1	01121-N-35	AHS	1	S	86	0	Pending EOC	HILL, JENNIFER

New: Accelerated Instruction

- Provided for any student who fails an EOC test.
- Provided for students who do not meet the College Readiness standard for the English III and Algebra II EOC tests

New: EOC Courses Taken in Middle School

- o Middle school students are required to take the EOC for the course in which they are enrolled (Algebra I).
- o The EOC score will count for 15% of the final semester grade.
- o Middle school Algebra I students will **not** be required to take both the EOC and the 8th grade STAAR Math test.

New: Student Transfers

- o Student transfers includes students who have transferred to AISD from:
 - o Home schools
 - o Private schools
 - o Out-of-district schools
 - o Out-of-state schools
 - o Out-of-country schools
- o Student transfers must take EOC tests for the courses in which they are enrolled and meet the cumulative score for each core subject area.

New: Students in Non-Traditional Courses

- o Non-traditional courses include:
 - o Dual Credit
 - o Advanced Placement
 - o Correspondence Courses
 - o Summer School
 - o Online
- o Students must take EOC tests for the courses in which they are enrolled and meet the cumulative score for each core subject area.

New: EOC Score Replacement

- TEA may recommend that scores on the SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement exams may be used to replace EOC scores.
- AISD will follow TEA recommendations.
- Stay tuned.

Student Action Plan

- Stay informed about EOC practices and changes.
- Learn the grading policies and know your grades.
- Commit to making the highest semester grade *and* EOC grade possible.

Student Action Plan

- o Attend class every day.
- o Determine your need for retakes.
- o Retake EOC tests ASAP – July 2012.
- o Communicate: Have ongoing conversations with your counselor, parents, and teachers.

Parent/Guardian Action Plan

- o Stay informed about EOC practices and changes.
- o Learn the grading policies and how to apply them to your child's grades.
- o Use FrontRunner to keep track of your child's grades and EOC test scores.
- o <https://data.abileneisd.org/>

Parent/Guardian Action Plan

- o Encourage your child to excel in all EOC courses.
- o Communicate: Have ongoing conversations with your child, your child's counselor and teachers.

Resources for All

o Texas Education Agency

- o <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment>
- o <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/>
- o <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/special-ed/staarm/>
- o <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/special-ed/staaralt/>

Resources for All

- o Education Service Center Region 14
 - o www.esc14.net
- o Abilene ISD public website
 - o www.abileneisd.org
- o Campus website

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