

# STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIRED TESTS FACT SHEET



## State Required Assessments

- ... State required assessments are identified in Texas Education Code [§39.023](#) and [§39.027](#).
  - o [TEC §39.023\(a\)](#) includes grades 3 assessments.
  - o [TEC §39.023\(b\)](#) includes all assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities.
  - o [TEC §39.023\(c\)](#) includes EOC assessments.
  - o [TEC §39.023\(l\)](#) includes grades 5 Spanish assessments.
  - o [TEC §39.027\(e\)](#) includes English language proficiency assessments.
  
- ... STAARs required by state law [\[TEC §39.023 \(a\) and \(c\)\]](#) in
  - o Grades 3-8 in mathematics
  - o Grades 3-8 in reading,
  - o Grades 5 and 8 in science
  - o Grade 8 in social studies and
  - o High school for Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History
  
- ... STAAR Spanish is required by state law, [\[TEC §39.023\(l\)\]](#) in
  - o Grades 5 in mathematics,
  - o Grades 5 in reading and
  - o Grade 5 in science.
  
- ... STAAR Alternate 2 is required by state law [\[TEC §39.023\(b\)\]](#) in
  - o Grades 3-8 in mathematics,
  - o Grades 3-8 in reading,
  - o Grades 5 and 8 in science and
  - o Grade 8 in social studies.
  
- ... TELPAS is required by state law [\[TEC §39.027\(e\)\]](#) for English learners (ELs) in kindergarten through grade 12 in
  - o Reading,
  - o Writing,
  - o Listening, and
  - o Speaking.

## Federal Required Assessments

- ... Federal required assessments are identified in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) section [1111\(b\)\(2\)](#) (page 23).
  - o ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)(aa) requires mathematics and reading language arts assessments in each of grades 3-8.
  - o ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)(bb) requires mathematics and reading language arts assessments at least once in grade 9-12.
  - o ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(II)(aa) requires science assessments not less than one time in grades 5-8.
  - o ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(II)(bb) requires science assessments not less than one time in grades 9-12.
  - o ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(II)(cc) requires science assessments not less than one time in grades 10-12.
  - o ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(D) requires alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards for grades 3-8 and high school in mathematics and reading language arts.
  - o ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(D) requires alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards in science.
  - o ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(F) requires academic assessments in languages other than English that are present to a significant extent in the participating student population.
  - o ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(G) requires annual English language proficiency assessments for ELs.