Argyle ISD

STAAR, EOC, and Graduation Requirements

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What is STAAR?

- ✓ STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) is the new testing system that will replace TAKS.

- ✓ STAAR will begin in the 2011-2012 school year. A new test design will focus on readiness for success in subsequent grades or courses, and ultimately for college and career.

What is STAAR?

- ✓ Students entering 9th grade in the 2011-2012 school year will not take TAKS tests to graduate. Instead, they will take STAAR End-of-Course exams.

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The STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) assessments include:

- English I, English II, and English III
- Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- World Geography, World History, and US History

Starts in 2011-2012 School Year with Entering 9th Graders

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ Testing requirements for graduation will significantly increase. While TAKS represented 4 “hurdles” for students, STAAR represents 12 hurdles.

- ✓ The testing requirements are based on the three graduation programs.

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ The three graduation programs are:
  - Minimum High School Program (MHSP)
  - Recommended High School Program (RHSP)
  - Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP)

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ Students on the ***Minimum High School Program*** must achieve the cumulative score requirement based on the number of courses taken for which an EOC assessment exists.

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ For students on the ***Minimum High School Program***, the cumulative score requirement may vary by subject area from 1 to 3 required assessments.
  - 3 for English language arts (English I, English II, English III)
  - 2* for mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry)
  - 1* for science (Biology)
  - 2* for social studies (U.S. History, World Geography or World History)

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ Students on the ***Recommended High School Program*** must meet the cumulative score requirement for the four content areas.
  - English I, English II, and English III*
  - Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II*
  - Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
  - World Geography, World History, and US History

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ Students on the ***Recommended High School Program*** must also meet the **satisfactory performance standard** on the Algebra II and English III assessments.

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ Students on the ***Distinguished High School Program*** must meet the cumulative score requirement for the four content areas.
  - English I, English II, and English III*
  - Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II*
  - Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
  - World Geography, World History, and US History

***Must meet college-readiness standard.**

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ Students on the ***Distinguished High School Program*** must also meet the **college-readiness standard** on the Algebra II and English III assessments.

What if….

My middle school student took a high school course (e.g., Algebra I) prior to spring 2012.

Then,....

- ✓ TEA is considering several options.
  - Students would not be required to take that particular EOC assessment. Their cumulative score for that content area would decrease.
  - Students could choose to take that particular EOC assessment in spring 2012 or beyond. If they take the assessment, the score they receive would only be used in their cumulative score if it benefitted the student.

Other Considerations

- ✓ A student must achieve a minimum score for the score to count towards the student's cumulative score.

- ✓ A student's cumulative score is determined using the student's highest score on each EOC assessment.

Other Considerations

- ✓ Students are allowed to retest for any reason.
- ✓ Students are not required to retake the course (if they received credit), to retake the EOC.
- ✓ Student's EOC score must be worth 15% of student's final grade.

When Do STAAR EOCs Begin?

- ✓ May 7, 2012: Algebra 1
  May 8, 2012: US History
  May 9, 2012: Biology
  May 10, 2012: Geometry
  May 11, 2012: World Geography
  May 14, 2012: Physics
  May 15, 2012: World History
  May 16, 2012: Algebra II
  May 17, 2012: Chemistry

- ✓ July 9-13, 2012: Retests

TAKS to STAAR

Plan for phase-out of TAKS and phase-in of STAAR

	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016
GR 3–8	TAKS	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR
GR 9	TAKS	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR
GR 10	TAKS	TAKS	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR
GR 11	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	STAAR	STAAR	STAAR
GR 12 & Out-of-School Students	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	TAKS	STAAR or TAKS	STAAR or TAKS