

Updated as of 3/31/20

1. If a student is a senior but still must complete one or more EOCs to graduate, will he/she be able to graduate?

Most students have already completed courses that have corresponding EOC assessments before their senior year. Normally, a student who has not passed up to two of his or her required STAAR EOC assessments may graduate through the individual graduation committee (IGC) process. For students who are still working to meet assessment graduation requirements as seniors in the 2019–2020 school year, required performance on academic assessments to graduate under TEC, §28.025(c) and §39.025(a) is being waived for spring 2020. Effectively, this means that current seniors may graduate through the IGC process regardless of the number of EOC assessments they still need to pass.

2. If a student is not graduating this year and still has one or more EOCs required to graduate, how will that affect the student's credit in the upcoming year?

The required performance on academic assessments under TEC, §28.025(c) and §39.025(a) is being waived for spring 2020 only. This means:

- If the student is not graduating and is currently enrolled in an EOC course, the EOC passing requirement will be waived if the student receives credit for that course.
- If the student is not graduating and has an outstanding EOC assessment that they have not passed from a previous year, they will still need to retake and pass that EOC assessment prior to graduation.

3. What assessments have been cancelled for this school year?

Academic assessment requirements are suspended for the remainder of the 2019–2020 school year. This includes all STAAR assessments including tests for grades 3-8, End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments, and STAAR Alternate 2 tests.

4. Will schools and districts be held to federal testing and accountability requirements?

TEA is working with the United States Department of Education to request waivers from federal testing and accountability requirements for the 2019–2020 school year.

5. Will the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) and TELPAS Alternate administration window be extended?

The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) and TELPAS Alternate administration windows are currently open and are being extended to remain open through May 29, 2020, for a district to complete optionally if it chooses. Scoring data will be provided for each TELPAS

domain a student completes. TEA is looking at exit criteria for English learners to determine what adjustments may be made this year for this determination. These discussions are ongoing, and more information will be provided the week of 3/23.

6. How will the timelines for Interim Assessments be adjusted?

The second testing window for the [STAAR Interim Assessments](#) is currently open and will continue to be open through May 29, 2020 for districts to use as a resource to monitor student progress. As a reminder, the interim assessments are optional, are available at no cost to districts and charter schools, they are not tied to accountability, and results are not reported to TEA.

7. Given the absence of STAAR, what other opportunities do I have for progress monitoring?

The agency is working on additional options that will be useful for local districts. These can complement the tools that local districts have developed or are planning to develop on their own.

8. STAAR EOC Assessment Guidance (updated with clarifications as of 3/26/20)

A. For graduating seniors in the 2019–2020 school year, including seniors graduating in summer 2020:

Scenario	Passed all end-of-course (EOC) assessments?	Currently enrolled in one or more courses with corresponding EOC assessment?	Path to Graduation
1	Yes	No, because they took and passed all those courses previously	Districts must ensure the student has met all other graduation requirements under Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.025(c), including successfully completing curriculum requirements or successfully completing an individualized education program.
2	No	Yes, enrolled as of spring 2020 (including students repeating the course due to previously not passing)	The EOC assessment graduation requirement is waived for the course in which the student is currently enrolled if the student earns course credit this school year, including summer 2020. The student will need to complete the individual graduation committee (IGC) process for each of the remaining EOC assessments not passed (regardless of the number), and the district will need to determine if the student has met all other graduation requirements under TEC, §28.025(c), including successfully completing curriculum requirements or successfully completing an individualized education program. If the student does not earn course

			credit this school year (including summer 2020) and has to repeat the course, the student will be required to pass the corresponding EOC assessment to meet assessment graduation requirements.
3	No	No	The student will need to complete the IGC process for each of the remaining EOC assessments not passed (regardless of the number), and the district will need to determine if the student has met all other graduation requirements under TEC, §28.025(c), including successfully completing curriculum requirements or successfully completing an individualized education program.
4	Yes	Yes, because they did not pass course previously but passed EOC assessment	Districts must ensure the student has met all other graduation requirements under TEC, §28.025(c).

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- B. For former students (from previous graduating classes) who have NOT met all their STAAR assessment graduation requirements, regardless of how many assessments they have left to pass:
(This guidance was updated on 3/30/20 and corrected to clarify the below only applies to the STAAR assessment program. For details on other assessment programs, see question 10.)

Scenario	Passed all EOC assessments?	Currently enrolled in one or more courses with corresponding EOC assessment?	Path to Graduation
1	No	No	The student will need to complete the IGC process for each of the remaining EOC assessments not passed (regardless of the number), and the district will need to determine if the former student has met all other graduation requirements under TEC, §28.025(c).
2	No	Yes	If the student is still enrolled in the district and receiving instruction, then he or she does not fall within this table. Refer to Table A.

C. For students who are enrolled in grade 11 or lower in spring 2020:

Scenario	Passed all EOC assessments?	Currently enrolled in one or more courses with corresponding EOC assessment?	Path to Graduation
1	No	Yes, enrolled as of spring 2020 (including students repeating the course due to previously not passing)	The EOC assessment graduation requirement is waived for the course in which the student is currently enrolled if the student earns course credit this school year, including summer 2020. For these students, the waiver reduces the number of EOC assessments the student must pass to meet assessment graduation requirements. If the student does not earn course credit this school year, including summer 2020, and must repeat the course, the student will be required to pass the corresponding EOC assessment to meet assessment graduation requirements.
2	No	No, because they passed course but did not pass EOC assessment	The student is still required to pass the corresponding EOC assessment to meet assessment graduation requirements and will have future opportunities to meet this requirement (e.g., December 2020 STAAR administration).
3	No	No, has not yet enrolled in a course with corresponding EOC assessment	The student is required to take the corresponding EOC assessment when he or she is completing the course and must pass the assessment to meet graduation requirements.
4	Yes	Yes, did not pass course previously but passed EOC assessment	The student will need to retake the course to earn credit and successfully complete curriculum requirements.

9. Does EOC assessment guidance apply to students who take STAAR Alternate 2?

For all students receiving special education services, the admission, review, and dismissal committee will continue to make educational decisions, including graduation decisions and decisions related to required performance on academic assessments.

For all students who were scheduled to be administered a STAAR Alternate 2 EOC assessment in spring 2020, the assessment requirement is being waived. These students are not required to take the specific STAAR Alternate 2 EOC assessment in the future and are not responsible for passing the assessment to fulfill graduation requirements.

10. Does EOC assessment guidance apply to former students who had TAKS, TAAS or TEAMS testing requirements?

No, former students who had TAKS, TAAS or TEAMS testing requirements can pursue a Texas high school diploma through a district decision or alternate assessments. More information on these options is available on the TAKS webpage.

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