

STAAR passing scores by grade: the raw scores for Approaches, Meets and Masters

From the TEA raw score conversion tables for spring 2025, the latest published; the 2026 tables move by a point or two. Points, not questions: some items are worth two points. Passing = Approaches Grade Level.

Mathematics

Test	Total points	Approaches (pass)	Meets	Masters
Grade 3 math	37	15	22	29
Grade 4 math	40	17	24	31
Grade 5 math	42	17	26	34
Grade 6 math	43	16	25	34
Grade 7 math	46	19	26	37
Grade 8 math	48	17	25	37
Algebra I	59	20	32	41

Reading language arts

Test	Total points	Approaches (pass)	Meets	Masters
Grade 3 RLA	52	18	27	37
Grade 4 RLA	52	17	28	38
Grade 5 RLA	52	22	30	39
Grade 6 RLA	56	21	31	41
Grade 7 RLA	56	23	33	42
Grade 8 RLA	56	20	32	41
English I	64	28	37	54
English II	64	27	35	56

Science and social studies

Test	Total points	Approaches (pass)	Meets	Masters
Grade 5 science	39	18	26	31
Grade 8 science	46	18	26	35
Biology	53	16	27	39
Grade 8 social studies	49	21	30	36

Read across grade 4 math: a child passes with 17 of 40 points (about 43%), is on track at 24, masters at 31. The level that matters for a child's future is Meets.

The four performance levels

Level	What it means for the family
Did Not Meet Grade Level	Not passing. The school must provide accelerated instruction next year (HB 1416, 2023)
Approaches Grade Level	Passing. The standard for EOC graduation and school ratings
Meets Grade Level	On track. The level colleges and the state's college-ready measures look at
Masters Grade Level	Well above grade level

What grades take the STAAR test

Grade	Tests
3	Math, RLA
4	Math, RLA
5	Math, RLA, Science
6	Math, RLA
7	Math, RLA
8	Math, RLA, Science, Social Studies
High school (end-of-course)	Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, US History; all five must be passed to graduate (retakes in December, spring and June; an individual graduation committee if no more than two remain)

If a child does not pass

Grades 3 to 8: not held back on the STAAR result; the school gives accelerated instruction in that subject next year and tells the parent. High school: retake the EOC. What changes in 2027-28 (HB 8): three shorter tests through the year replace STAAR in grades 3 to 8; the TEKS, the accelerated-instruction rule and the EOCs stay.

Your child's report card

Test and grade: _____

Scale score and level: _____

Points from Meets (see the tables): _____

The two or three topics to fix: _____

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