



James Hogg Middle School

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2021 STAAR FAQs

1. Why is Hogg MS giving the STAAR test this year? (click [here](#) for details)
2. What does STAAR online mean?
 - STAAR test will be given online, on the computer this school year.
3. My student is a virtual student, do they have to take the STAAR test?
 - No, students who are virtual do not have to take the STAAR test per TEA. (Click [here](#) for details)
4. My student is a virtual student and I want them to take the STAAR test, can they?
 - Yes, students who are virtual can take the STAAR test. They will have to report to campus to test and can be check out after their test is over, they do not have to stay on campus all day.
5. My student is a face-to-face student, do they have to take the STAAR test?
 - Yes, students who are face-to-face are required to take the STAAR test? If your student was coded virtual on March 12th, they are considered virtual.
6. My student is a face-to-face student and I do not want them to take the STAAR test, can they remain virtual during test days?
 - Yes, students who are face-to-face can remain virtual during testing days but will be marked absent.
7. My student just started coming face-to-face during cycle 5 or cycle 6, do they have to take the test?
 - No, students who were coded in PowerSchool as virtual on March 12th do not have to take the STAAR test.
8. Does not taking the test hurt my child?
 - No, there are no negative consequences for not taking STAAR this school year.
9. If my child takes the STAAR test and does not do well, will this negatively impact them?
 - No, there are no negative consequences for taking STAAR this school year. (click [here](#) for details)
10. My 7th grader is a Magnet student, how will not taking STAAR affect their matrix score?
 - Unfortunately, as of April 7th, we do not have any information on how not taking the STAAR will affect their matrix score. Please contact [School Choice](#) for information.
11. My student is in Algebra this year, do they have to take the Algebra EOC?
 - Yes, Algebra EOC is a graduation requirement. TEA has not waived graduation requirements for this school year. Students who choose not to take the Algebra EOC will be missing an opportunity to take the test. It is best to take the EOC when the student is in the class.
12. Can my Algebra student take only the Algebra test?
 - Yes, if you only want them to take the Algebra test that is allowed.



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13. My student is in Geometry, do they have to take STAAR 8th Math?
 - Yes, students are required to take a STAAR test every year. (Click [here](#) for more information)
14. Will my student who has accommodations (504 or SPED) receive their accommodations on the STAAR online or paper test?
 - Yes, students with accommodations will receive all their accommodations either online or paper.
15. Can my student choose to take the STAAR test on paper?
 - No, only students who have it written in their IEP/504 will be given a paper test.
16. How do logistics work for virtual students who come to campus to test?
 - Virtual students who choose to come to campus and test will be required to wear their mask at all times, be dropped off by 8:25am, and they can be picked up after the test is over.
17. What test do 6th graders take? 7th graders? 8th graders?
 - 6th – Reading and Math
 - 7th – Reading, Writing and Math
 - 8th – Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies.
18. Is it safe to send my student to take the STAAR?
 - Safety is our #1 priority. Students will remain socially distant during the test. The average room has 14 seats.
19. My 7th grader is in Algebra, do they have to take 7th grade Math and Algebra?
 - No, students in Algebra do not have to take two tests. They will take the Algebra EOC.
20. What time will test start? End?
 - 8:30am to 12:30 is general STAAR test times unless otherwise stated.
21. My student is not testing. Does my student have to remain virtual on make-up days?
 - Yes.