

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TITLE I, PART A PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM



Foerster Elementary
14200 Fonmeadow
Houston, TX 77035

Date: December 15, 2022

TO: Parents of Students Attending Foerster Elementary

SUBJECT: **Explanation and Description of Assessments**

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires all Title I schools to provide to parents a description and explanation of the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress. Below are various assessments that HISD and its schools use throughout the year. In addition, local assessments that are used at Foerster ES to measure student progress are also included at the end of this letter.

In the Spring of 2012, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) replaced the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The STAAR program at grades 3–8 will assess the same subjects and grades that were previously assessed on TAKS. At the high school level, however, grade-specific assessments will be replaced with 5 end-of-course (EOC) assessments: Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and U.S. History.

The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) assessments will no longer be administered. Students for whom TAKS is a graduation requirement, including former TAAS and TEAMS examinees, may pursue the following options to receive a Texas high school diploma.

1. Request a district decision. An examinee should contact the school district where he or she was last enrolled to request a district decision regarding whether the examinee qualifies to graduate and receive a high school diploma. More details about this option can be found in Senate Bill 463, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017. More information about this option can be found in Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §74.1027.
2. Achieve satisfactory performance on an alternate assessment. The alternate assessments allowed for TAKS are SAT, ACT, TSI, and STAAR. Former TAKS, TAAS, and TEAMS examinees should take only the appropriate part of the alternate assessment he or she needs to fulfill testing graduation requirements. More information is available in the Texas Administrative Code §101.4003.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has developed the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness Alternate (**STAAR™ Alternate 2**) to meet the federal requirements mandated under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), a federal education law reauthorized as the No Child Left Behind law. STAAR Alternate 2 is designed for the purpose of assessing students in grades 3–8 and high school who have significant cognitive disabilities and are receiving special education services.

IOWA is a norm-referenced achievement test that measures students' academic achievement in reading, writing, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Logramos is a norm-referenced achievement test for students whose primary language of instruction is Spanish. It measures students' academic achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

TELPAS is designed to measure the English language proficiency of K–12 English Language Learners in four language domains: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

TEA has developed the **TELPAS Alternate (TELPAS Alt)** assessment to meet the federal requirements mandated under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which requires states to administer an alternate English language proficiency (ELP) assessment for English learners (ELs) with the most significant cognitive disabilities who cannot participate in the general ELP assessment, even with allowable accommodations.

The CogAT measures reasoning and problem-solving skills in three different areas: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal. Reasoning skills develop gradually throughout a person's lifetime and at different rates for different individuals. Reasoning abilities are good predictors of success in school and are important outcomes of good schooling. CogAT does not measure such factors as effort, attention, motivation, and work habits, which also contribute importantly to school achievement.

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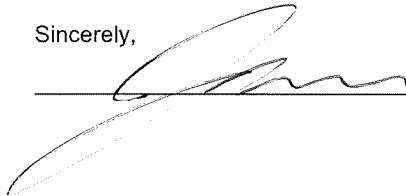
To find out more about the STAAR study guides and released tests, visit the Texas Education Agency's Web site at www.tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar/ . If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the contact person listed at the end of this letter and this information will be provided to you.

In addition to the assessments above, Foerster ES also uses the following assessment(s) to measure student progress:

Renaissance 360
Circle/KEA
Running Records
Summit K12
Interim Assessments
LEAP Assessment

If you have questions concerning this letter or need paper copies of the material referenced on the Web site, contact the school's Title I Campus Contact Person, Ms Hollingsworth at 713-726-3604, or e-mail pholling@houstonisd.org.

Sincerely,


_____, Principal

TÍTULO I, PARTE A, PARTICIPACIÓN DE LOS PADRES Y LAS FAMILIAS



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PARA: Padres de alumnos de Foerster Elementary

ASUNTO: **Descripción y explicación de las evaluaciones**

La ley Todos los estudiantes triunfan (ESSA) requiere que toda escuela participante del programa de Título I provea a los padres una descripción y explicación de las evaluaciones académicas que utiliza para medir el progreso estudiantil. Abajo se describen varias evaluaciones que HISD y sus escuelas administran durante el ciclo escolar, así como evaluaciones locales que Foerster ES utiliza con el fin de evaluar el progreso de sus alumnos.

En la primavera de 2012, el programa de Evaluaciones de la Preparación Académica del Estado de Texas (STAAR™) sustituyó a la Evaluación de Conocimientos y Habilidades de Texas (TAKS). En los niveles escolares de 3° a 8° grados el programa STAAR evalúa las mismas materias que antes se evaluaban en TAKS. En la preparatoria, las evaluaciones de cada grado fueron reemplazadas con 5 exámenes de fin de curso (EOC): Álgebra I, Biología, Inglés I, Inglés II e Historia de EE. UU.

Debido a que ya no se administra la evaluación TAKS, los estudiantes para quienes esa evaluación era un requisito de graduación, inclusive bajo los programas TAAS y TEAMS, tienen las siguientes opciones para recibir su diploma de preparatoria de Texas.

1. Solicitar una decisión del distrito. El interesado debe comunicarse con el distrito escolar donde estuvo inscrito más recientemente a fin de solicitar que el distrito decida si reúne las condiciones para graduarse y recibir un diploma de preparatoria. Para ver detalles de esta opción, consulte el Proyecto de ley 463, 85ª sesión legislativa de Texas, Sesión ordinaria, 2017. Habrá más información disponible en enero de 2018 cuando el Código Administrativo de Texas §74 haya sido enmendado.
2. Lograr un desempeño satisfactorio en una evaluación alternativa. Las evaluaciones alternativas para el TAKS son: SAT, ACT, TSI y STAAR. Los estudiantes de programas sujetos a evaluaciones TAKS, TAAS y TEAMS deben presentar solamente la parte de la evaluación alternativa necesaria para cumplir con los requisitos de graduación. En el Código de Educación de Texas [§74.1027](#) encontrará más información.

La Agencia de Educación de Texas (TEA) ha creado el programa de Evaluaciones de la Preparación Académica del Estado de Texas Alternativo (**STAAR™ Alternativo 2**) para cumplir con los requisitos federales obligatorios de la Ley de Enseñanza Primaria y Secundaria (ESEA), una ley federal de educación reautorizada como ley "Que Ningún Niño se Quede Atrás". STAAR Alternativo 2 fue diseñado con el propósito de evaluar a estudiantes de 3° a 8° grado y de preparatoria que tengan discapacidades cognitivas significativas y reciban servicios de educación especial.

IOWA es una prueba normativa que mide el rendimiento académico de los estudiantes en Lectura, Escritura, Artes del Lenguaje, Matemáticas, Ciencias y Estudios Sociales.

Logramos es una prueba normativa para estudiantes cuyo idioma principal de instrucción es el español. Se mide el rendimiento académico de los estudiantes en Lectura, Artes del Lenguaje, Matemáticas, Ciencias y Estudios Sociales.

TELPAS fue diseñado para medir el dominio del inglés de estudiantes ELL (Aprendices del Idioma Inglés) de Kínder a 12° grado en cuatro habilidades del lenguaje: escuchar, hablar, leer y escribir.