

STAAR Frequently Asked QuestionsQ

What can I bring the day of the STAAR test?	Your HISD Laptop, charger, snack, and a bottle water.
What is the protocol when I arrive to campus?	Review the Heights Instructional Continuity Plan for drop off locations. When the bell rings to enter the building, go to your assigned testing room.
Can we show up to take the test or do we need to register somewhere?	No, you do NOT need to sign up. We are planning as if all 9 th or 10 th grade are taking the test.
If I put no in the survey, can I still take the test?	Yes, please come to campus with your laptop to test.
Do I need my laptop?	Yes, you must have your HISD laptop. Personal laptops cannot be used for the STAAR exam.
Can we need to bring a backpack for the STAAR Test?	Backpacks aren't necessary.
Can students leave the test as soon as they finish?	No. Students will remain in their testing location until noon. Students finished at that time will be released for lunch. Students can remain on campus and work asynchronously in their classes. Parents can sign students out early after they finish at noon.
How do they know what room their supposed to be in to take the test?	Room Assignments are posted in the HUB- Heights HS Student course- Folder "STAAR Testing Information" English 1 is posted English 2 will be posted on April 8th
My student uses his personal laptop at home. Does he have to bring his school laptop?	Personal laptops cannot be used for the STAAR Testing. A student must have the HISD laptop. IF a student does not, one will be provided on the day of testing. Please email Ms. Mesa if you student needs one. tmesa@houstonisd.org
If kids happen to have issues with laptop the day of testing, what backup is in place to avoid delays?	Heights Techtown has extra devices and chargers ready in case a student's laptop is not working properly.
What time will testing begin and end?	Testing will begin at approximately 9:00 p.m. Students have 5.5 hours to complete the test.
My child is a junior. Will he/she have to take STAAR English 2 this year?	Juniors would only need to take English 2 STAAR if they are taking English 2 right now.

Can my student bring their own lunch?	Yes. Students may bring snacks also.
Will students still have assignments from other classes on this day?	For freshman and sophomore students testing, teachers will be encouraged to provide an optional extra credit assignment.
If you are not taking the STAAR, are you doing virtual school that day?	Yes.
Freshman from LAST year - do they have to take the English 1 STAAR to graduate? Is it waived forever???	Any EOC that students should have taken in the 2019-2020 school year were waived if the student passed the class.