

Cycle 43C STR Information

What is the STR and who has to take it?

House Bill 3, passed during the 86th Texas Legislature, established the requirement that all teacher candidates who teach students in grades Pre-K-6 demonstrate proficiency in the science of teaching reading on a **standalone certification exam. This requirement took effect on January 1, 2021.**

- The STR exam will be required for the issuance of five certification fields:
 - Early Childhood: **EC – Grade 3**
 - Core Subjects with the Science of Teaching Reading: **Early Childhood – Grade 6**
 - Core Subjects with the Science of Teaching Reading: **Grades 4-8**
 - English Language Arts and Reading with the Science of Teaching Reading: **Grades 4-8**
 - English Language Arts and Reading / Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: **Grades 4-8**

What is on the STR?

- 4 Domains, 13 competencies
 - Reading Pedagogy
 - Reading Development: Foundational Skills
 - Reading Development: Comprehension
 - Analysis and Response
- 90 multiple choice questions, 1 constructed-response question (administered online)

HISD ACP STR Study Sessions

These sessions are mandatory and must be completed along with 10 hours of studying in Certify Teacher in order to be approved to test.

Date	Description	Time
October 24, 2022	STR Study Session 1 (Virtual)	5:30 – 6:30
October 26, 2022	STR Study Session 2 (Virtual)	5:30 – 6:30
October 31, 2022	STR Study Session 3 (Asynchronous)	5:30 – 6:30
November 1, 2022	STR Study Session 4	5:30 – 6:30
November 2, 2022	Practice STR Exam (Online)	5:30 – 8:30
November 3, 2022	STR Wrap up & Review	5:30 – 7:00
November 27, 2022	Deadline to <u>take</u> STR (Score date: 12/9/2022)	
Testing Window Date	Score Report Date	
Oct 31 - Nov 13, 2022	November 29, 2022	
Nov 14 - Nov 27, 2022	December 9, 2022	

