

# STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIRED TESTS FACT SHEET



## State Required Assessments

- ... State required assessments are identified in Texas Education Code ~~TEC~~ [§39.023](#) and [§39.027](#).
  - o ~~TEC~~ [§39.023\(a\)](#) includes grades ~~3-8~~ assessments.
  - o ~~TEC~~ [§39.023\(b\)](#) includes all assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities.
  - o ~~TEC~~ [§39.023\(c\)](#) includes EOC assessments.
  - o ~~TEC~~ [§39.023\(l\)](#) includes grades ~~5-8~~ Spanish assessments.
  - o ~~TEC~~ [§39.027\(e\)](#) includes English language proficiency assessments.
- ... STAARs required by state law ~~TEC~~ [§39.023 \(a\) and \(c\)](#) in
  - o Grades ~~3-8~~ in mathematics
  - o Grades ~~3-8~~ in reading,
  - o Grades 5 and ~~8~~ in science
  - o Grade 8 in social studies and
  - o High school for Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History
- ... STAAR Spanish is required by state law, ~~TEC~~ [§39.023\(l\)](#) in
  - o Grades ~~3-5~~ in mathematics,
  - o Grades ~~3-5~~ in reading and
  - o Grade 5 in science.
- ... STAAR Alternate 2 is required by state law ~~TEC~~ [§39.023\(b\)](#) in
  - o Grades ~~3-8~~ in mathematics,
  - o Grades ~~3-8~~ in reading,
  - o Grades 5 and 8 in science and
  - o Grade 8 in social studies.
- ... TELPAS is required by state law ~~TEC~~ [§39.027\(e\)](#) for English learners (ELs) in kindergarten through grade 12 in
  - o Reading,
  - o Writing,
  - o Listening, and
  - o Speaking.

## Federal Required Assessments

- ... Federal required assessments are identified in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act ~~(ESEA)~~ [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)](#) (page 23).
  - o ~~ESEA~~ [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)\(B\)\(v\)\(I\)\(aa\)](#) requires mathematics and reading language arts assessments in each of grades 3–8.
  - o ~~ESEA~~ [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)\(B\)\(v\)\(I\)\(bb\)](#) requires mathematics and reading language arts assessments at least once in grade 9–12.
  - o ~~ESEA~~ [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)\(B\)\(v\)\(II\)\(aa\)](#) requires science assessments not less than one time in grades ~~5-8~~
  - o ~~ESEA~~ [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)\(B\)\(v\)\(II\)\(bb\)](#) requires science assessments not less than one time in grades ~~5-8~~
  - o ~~ESEA~~ [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)\(B\)\(v\)\(II\)\(cc\)](#) requires science assessments not less than one time in ~~grades 10~~
  - o ~~ESEA~~ [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)\(D\)](#) requires alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards for grades ~~3-8~~ and high school in mathematics and reading language arts.
  - o ~~ESEA~~ [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)\(D\)](#) requires alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards in science.
  - o ~~ESEA~~ [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)\(F\)](#) requires academic assessments in languages other than English that are present to a significant extent in the participating student population.
  - o ~~ESEA~~ [section 1111\(b\)\(2\)\(G\)](#) requires annual English language proficiency assessments for ELs.