

## Spring 2021 STAAR Plan – Families’ Edition

STAAR is an important data point for our students, campuses, and district. Successful performance on STAAR EOCs is also required by law for high school graduation. To provide students the greatest opportunity for success and to protect student and staff health, a plan has been developed to create an effective, compliant, and safe testing environment for all students, outlined below.

The statement given by Mike Morath at the press conference reported by the Houston Chronicle is not a change to written TEA policy. We are required to administer the test to all in-person students and all online students who come for testing. The STAAR test cannot be administered to students outside of a testing site, therefore students learning at home or at school must take the exam on campus.

We request all secondary students (grades 6 – 12) to complete all STAAR testing for courses they are enrolled in as well as any high school EOCs where they may need to retest. For students who do not come and test in either the primary or makeup administrations, they will be coded according to the guidance previously outlined by the TEA, which has not changed.

As previously mentioned, YES Prep is committed to creating a safe, compliant, and effective testing environment for all students that will give our students the best opportunity for success. Please read below for more information.

<b>STAAR Testing Dates &amp; Tested Content</b>	<b>Below is a summary of primary STAAR testing dates:</b>		
	<b>Important:</b> Even on days where your student may not have a STAAR test, a STAAR test in another grade level may impact your student’s schedule, particularly on May 4, 6, 27, and 28. Please review all dates thoroughly.		
	<b>Date</b>	<b>STAAR Testing Subject(s)</b>	<b>Special Notes</b>
	Tuesday, May 4	Writing 7 (grade 7) English I (grade 9 & retesters)	Grades 10-12 non-testers are Online at Home.
	Thursday, May 6	English II (grade 10)	Grades 9, 11-12 non-testers are Online at Home.
	Tuesday, May 11	English III (grade 11 enrolled in IRC)	
	Tuesday, May 18	Algebra I (grade 9 & retesters)	
	Wednesday, May 19	Biology (grade 9 & re-testers) Algebra II (enrolled in Algebra II)	
	Thursday, May 20	US History (absentees & re-testers)	
	Tuesday, May 25	Middle School Math (grades 6 – 8)	High School (grades 9 – 12) are Online at Home.
	Wednesday, May 26	Middle School Reading (grades 6 – 8)	Updated: High School (grades 9 – 11) are Online at Home.
	Thursday, May 27	Grade 8 Science	
Friday, May 28	Grade 8 Social Studies		
<b>Detailed testing calendars by grade level follow:</b>			

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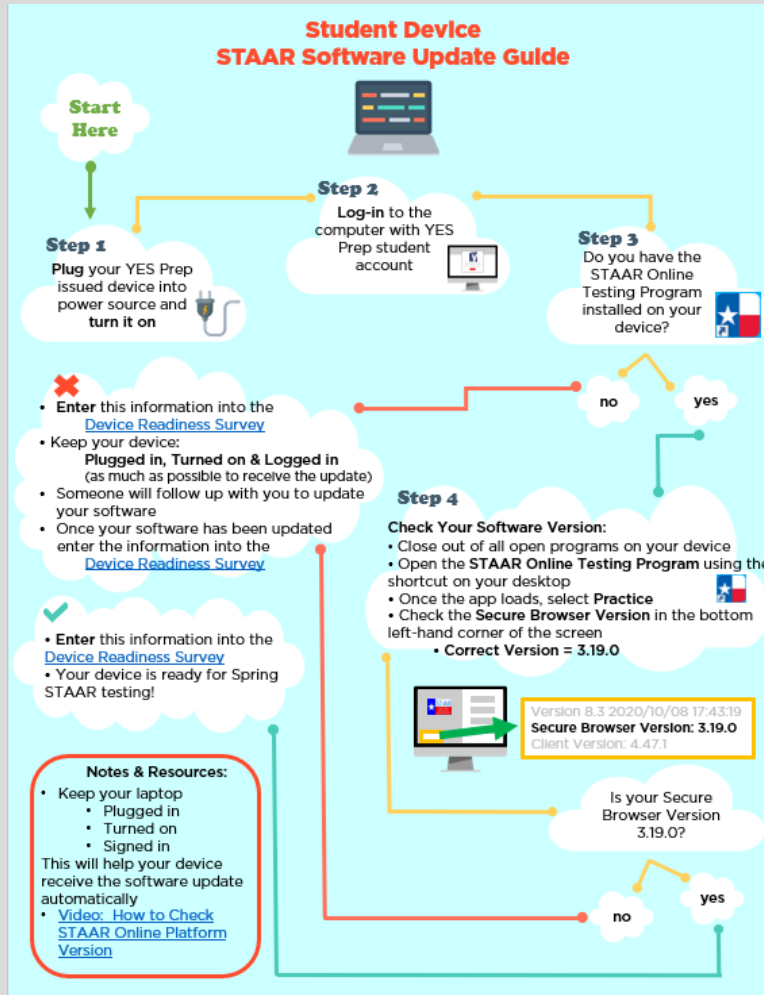
- Make-up testing opportunities will be available – details to come.
- *Partnership testing schedules (both Aldine & Spring Branch) will be available as soon as plans are finalized.*
- *With large testing administrations, to ensure our ability to provide an effective, safe, and compliant testing environment, we will facilitate instruction to some high school students online on these dates*

<b>Testing Location</b>	All students will take their test at YES Prep enrolled campus.
<b>Required Testing Material(s)</b>	All students must bring their YP-issued device to campus because all exams will be online only. <i>Students without YP-issued device will test on a YP device on campus.</i>
<b>Transportation &amp; Nutrition</b>	Transportation and breakfast/lunch will be available. <b>Updated:</b> All campuses will be running their regular bus routes on STAAR days. If your student needs to take the bus on their testing day(s), please refer to your campus’s most updated routes and stops to find the stop most convenient for your student. The most current routes and stops are posted on your campus website and will be posted through social media. If you need any assistance, please contact the front office of your campus. Buses will continue to follow all COVID safety procedures. If a bus is full before reaching all stops, a second bus will be dispatched to complete the route, or the original bus will drop off the students on campus and then complete the rest of the route.
<b>Preparation</b>	Students taking STAAR exams in the spring will receive tutorials and review modules closer to their testing date. STAAR exams are aligned to the content they are learning in their classes.

Students who need to retake an EOC for graduation may be provided with additional tutorials and supports if they are no longer enrolled in the class.

To help/support your child, you can do the following:

- Ensure your child's computer is plugged in to the Internet and logged in YES Prep account to ensure the testing platform is being updated in the background.
- Click here to review the device update process: [STAAR Software Update Guide](#)



- If your student needs a device or is having trouble logging in, please have them contact the front office.
- Ensure your child is engaging in their coursework and completing their assignments.
- Make sure you have a plan for transportation for the day of the exam and your student arrives on time (more information on campus logistics to come).
- Make sure your student gets rest the night before the exam.