



Midlothian High School

STAAR/EOC Presentation

In this presentation...



Explanations for the following pieces of STAAR/EOC information will be reviewed:

- ▶ STAAR/EOC testing requirements in Texas
- ▶ Timelines for when tests are administered
- ▶ Retesting for students who failed previous STAAR/EOCs
- ▶ Explanation of scores
- ▶ Accelerated Instruction - what it is and how it helps

STAAR/EOC Law



The State of Texas requires all high school students to take and pass five End of Course Exams (EOC), also known as STAAR tests, in order to meet state testing **graduation requirements**.

By state law, if a student takes the classes English 1, English 2, Algebra 1, Biology, and US History, they must take the STAAR/EOC test for that subject as well in the same year the course was taken.

A student must pass ALL STAAR/EOC testing requirements to graduate from a public high school in Texas.

STAAR/EOC Timeline



9th grade:

English 1 - given in April for first time testers

Algebra 1 (can be taken in 8th grade) - given in May for first time testers

Biology (can be taken 9th or 10th grade) - given in May for first time testers

10th grade:

English 2 - given in April for first time testers

11th grade:

US History - given in May for first time testers

STAAR/EOC Retests



What if my student is NOT successful on the STAAR/EOC exam(s)?

- ▶ Students must retake each exam they were unsuccessful on until they reaching a PASSING standard.
- ▶ **RETAKES:** Students can retake tests in June (All), December (All), April (English), and May (Alg. 1, Bio, USH)
- ▶ Once a test is PASSED, the student never has to take that exam again!

Scores for tests



PASS/FAIL EXPLANATIONS:

- ▶ **Masters Grade Level** = your student passed their test and is college ready
- ▶ **Meets Grade Level** = your student passed their test and is on grade level
- ▶ **Approaches Grade Level** = your student passed but may need some help to get to grade level
- ▶ **Did Not Meet Grade Level** = your student did not pass and needs academic intervention

Note: If your student *Did Not Meet Grade Level (failed)* their STAAR/EOC test(s) then they **MUST** retake them every time the test(s) is offered until they hit one of the passing standards.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STAAR REPORT

- ▶ Click [here](#) for an explanation of the STAAR report.

Scores for tests



HOW TO ACCESS YOUR STAAR/EOC SCORES

- ▶ Go to <https://txparentportal.emetric.net/login>
- ▶ ACCESS CODE: You have your access code, enter it along with the student's date of birth
- ▶ NO ACCESS CODE: click on Look up Unique Access Code
- ▶ Enter your student's information. For the social security number-just enter numbers. > CLICK GO

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Accelerated Instruction



WHAT IS ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION?

The State of Texas recently passed **House Bill 4545** which requires all school districts to provide students who were not successful on previous STAAR/EOC tests intensive instruction/tutoring/and other academic assistance for success in passing those tests.

The loss of educational opportunities brought on by the global pandemic has shown significant learning gaps in current student populations. **House Bill 4545** is one measure taken by the state to assist school districts with planning and implementing a plan of action to close the learning gap.

If you have any questions concerning Accelerated Instruction we encourage you to contact our Accelerated Instruction Specialists.

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Accelerated Instruction



HOW IS MHS DOING ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION?

- ▶ MHS has built a 30 minute daily Advisory block into each student's schedule which is being utilized for Accelerated Instruction. This is NOT tutoring to make up class work or get extra assistance on current school work, this is time for learning lost in the **previous school year**.
- ▶ Based on STAAR/EOC test scores and grades from 2020-2021, students were grouped into advisory periods with content specific teachers during Advisory where they will work on:
 - ❖ Content specific review and retention to fill in learning gaps from previous school year(s).
 - ❖ Strategies on STAAR/EOC testing to prepare students for success when testing is offered.
 - ❖ Small group instruction is key, there will be no AI Advisory periods with 25-30 students, small numbers are key to effectively meeting all student needs.