

## Preliminary STAAR Grade 8 Science Blueprint Effective as of School Year 2022–23\*

		Number of Standards		Number of Questions	Number of Points
<b>Reporting Categories</b>	Reporting Category 1: Matter and Energy	Readiness	5	9–11	10–14
		Supporting	4		
	Reporting Category 2: Force, Motion, and Energy	Readiness	2	7–9	8–12
		Supporting	5		
	Reporting Category 3: Earth and Space	Readiness	5	9–11	10–14
		Supporting	9		
	Reporting Category 4: Organisms and Environments	Readiness	2	9–11	10–14
		Supporting	11		
<b>Item Types by Point</b>	1-point questions (multiple-choice and non-multiple-choice items)			30	30
	2-point questions (non-multiple-choice items)			8	16
	<b>Total</b>			<b>38</b>	<b>46</b>

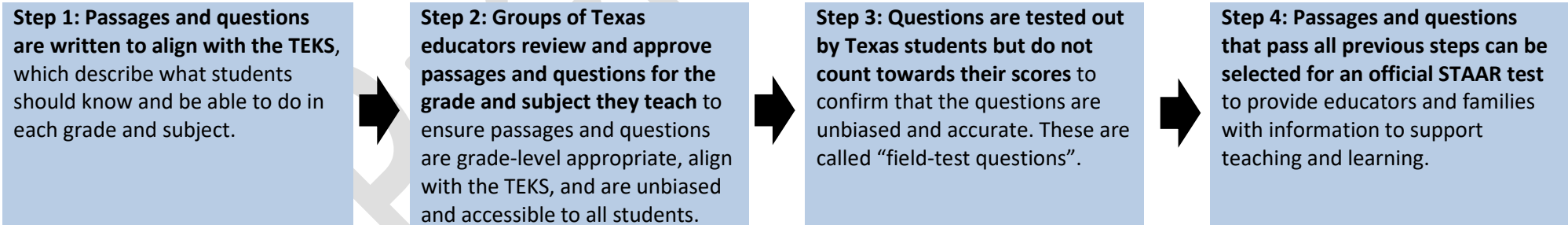
All TEKS, whether identified as readiness or supporting, are required to be taught in their entirety for a grade level or course.

**Readiness standards** are essential for success in the current grade and important for preparedness for the next grade or course. They address broad and deep ideas and require in-depth instruction. These standards make up approximately 60–65% of the total points on the base test.

**Supporting standards** play a role in preparing students for the next grade or course but not one that is central. They may address more narrowly defined ideas or concepts or may be emphasized in grades below or above the current grade or course. Supporting standards make up approximately 35–40% of the total points on the base test.

**Every passage and question on STAAR is created for Texas students with the review and approval of Texas educators.**

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