

Testing

Advanced Placement Examinations (AP): These exams provide students with the opportunities to gain college credit by examination at participating universities. Information regarding the awarding of credit can be found online at www.collegeboard.com. Keller ISD and the Keller ISD Education Foundation have combined efforts to create financial support for students enrolled in and taking Advanced Placement exams. Contact your campus counseling office for financial aid information for AP testing. ***Students should contact their college of choice regarding required placement exams.**

ASVAB: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is available to students in grades 10-12. It measures aptitudes and abilities and relates them to specific occupations in civilian and military life. Students are strongly encouraged to take this test to help them make wise career choices. Your scores in four critical areas -- Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension and Mathematics Knowledge -- count towards your Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT) score. The AFQT score determines whether you're qualified to enlist in the U.S. military.

STAAR EOC:

State Assessment Requirements	Students will be required to take the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) end of course (EOC) exam corresponding to designated courses. There are 5 STAAR EOC exams aligning to designated courses. Students are required to perform satisfactorily on each state required exam.			
What courses have STAAR EOCs?	English I English II	Algebra I	Biology	US History
What are the STAAR EOC Performance Standards?	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Passing Performance Standards:</u> Approaches Grade Level Meets Grade Level Masters Grade Level</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Non-passing Performance Standards:</u> Does Not Meet Grade Level</p>			
When will students take initial attempt of EOC exams?	STAAR EOC English I and II administered in early April. Each English exam consists of a reading and writing component combined on to one exam. STAAR EOC Algebra I, Biology, and US History administered in early May.			
When are the STAAR EOC retest opportunities offered?	STAAR EOC retest will be offered three times a year, once in the fall, spring, and summer.			

College Entrance Exams: Since college entrance exams are required, the student planning to go to college is encouraged to take the following tests: (It is recommended that English III and Algebra 2 be completed before taking any college entrance exam).

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT-NMSQT): This test is designed to aid sophomores and juniors in estimating their ability to do college level work and to guide them in making college plans. Industries and universities for scholarship purposes sometimes use the PSAT scores. National Merit Scholarship recipients are determined from the scores acquired from the PSAT taken during their junior year. This test is given in October each year.

ACT and/or SAT: What is necessary for the testing of ACT and SAT? The ACT and/or SAT exams are a system for testing prospective college students for the purpose of admission and counseling. The student should find out which test is required or preferred by the institution. These tests are administered several times during the year at various locations. Each of these tests has a required fee that must be paid at the time of registration.

Registration information is available online at www.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org.

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TSIA-2 Assessment-The TSIA-2 (Texas Success Initiative) is a program designed to help colleges and universities in Texas determine if a student is ready for college-level course work in the general areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. Incoming college students in Texas are required to take the TSIA-2 Assessment, unless exempt, to determine college level readiness. Based on TSIA-2 performance, a student may be placed in a college preparatory course or intervention to improve skills and prepare for success in college course. The TSIA-2 has a Pre-Assessment activity component designed by the college or university and is mandatory. Students are not allowed to take the TSIA-2 until this activity has been completed.

To satisfy TSIA-2 and course prerequisite requirements, you must meet or exceed the following college-ready scores:

Subject Area	College-Ready Score
<u>Mathematics</u>	950-990 OR Below 950 AND Math Diagnostic Test Score of 6
<u>ELAR</u>	945-990 and 5 or higher on Essay Test OR Below 945 AND ELAR Diagnostic Test Score of 5 AND 5 or higher on Essay Test