

Action

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TO: Principals
FROM: Stephanie S. Elizalde, Chief of School Leadership
SUBJECT: Distributing the STAAR Access Code to Parents



TEA is asking for our help in ensuring that parents have the information they need to access their students' STAAR results over the summer.

Starting June 13th, when STAAR performance information becomes available, parents can immediately access their child's results and a suite of other resources to support summer learning at home by visiting TexasAssessment.com. At this time our district will also receive paper copies of the STAAR Student Report Card (SRC) to distribute to parents over the summer. We're asking each campus to take the following three steps to help parents access these resources:

- 1) **Distribute the linked flyer below to all parents at your campus:** Please use whatever methods you typically use to share information with parents (direct mail, email, sending home with students, post on your campus website etc.). This flyer is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and details the steps parents must take to Log In & Learn More about their child's STAAR performance at TexasAssessment.com. We'd like you to share as soon as possible, but no later than June 13th. On the flyer it asks for an access code, parents can refer to old STAAR Report Cards or log in using the student SSN or State ID.
- 2) **Distribute the STAAR Student Report Card:** When you receive the paper copies of the STAAR Report Card in June, distribute this to parents in the event they have not logged in at that point. This can be via mail, parent email, portal, or any method you typically use to communicate with parents over the summer. The STAAR Access Code is on the STAAR Student Report Card.

TEA has provided an [FAQ document](#) with additional context on this effort for your use.

Your partnership in this work is critical to the goal of strengthening parent engagement and parent-teacher partnerships. TexasAssessment.com provides even more customized resources than last year, including detailed summer reading lists and math tips tailored to each child's individual performance on STAAR. Parents can also see the questions their child answered correctly and incorrectly and find more tips on how to help their child improve. We think this valuable resource is one all parents should have the opportunity to access, and we appreciate your help. Thank you for your continued support of our parents, teachers and students.



Distributing the STAAR Access Code to Parents

What Schools and Districts Need to Know

1. Can districts or schools directly share a student's STAAR Access Code with parents?

- Yes. Districts and schools should share STAAR access codes directly with parents if they have a secure communications channel, such as individual parent emails, text SMS or a local web portal. STAAR Access Codes can be found in STAAR assessment data files referenced as the "Student Portal Unique Access Code". The code is unique to each student who has taken at least one STAAR, STAAR Alternate 2, or TELPAS assessment.

2. If parents don't receive a STAAR Access Code from their district or school, how can they look it up themselves?

- When parents visit www.texasassessment.com, they can click on the link "Find My Access Code" located at the bottom of the purple login box. After entering their child's first name, date of birth and social security or "S" number, they will be provided an Access Code so they can login into the portal.

3. What is an "S" number?

- An S number is a state-approved alternate ID number assigned to a child either because a Social Security number is not available, or the parent chose not to release a Social Security number.

4. Will TEA still provide hard copies of the STAAR Student Report Card (SRC)?

Yes. TEA will still print and send hard copies of each student's SRC to the school district for distribution to parents. The date for these to be available for mailing is June 13, 2018.

5. Is the student STAAR performance information available in Spanish?

- Yes. For students and families that identify as primary Spanish speakers at home, the website will be available in Spanish, as well as the STAAR Report Card PDF.

6. When school is out, is the information provided to parents via the STAAR Access Code still helpful?

- Absolutely! There are lots of resources for summer learning available at www.texasassessment.com. Parents can access summer reading lists and math activities, tailored to their specific child's performance on STAAR, during the summer months in order to prepare for the upcoming school year.

7. Are teachers and principals able to log in and see the same student performance information as parents?

- We believe teachers should have access to this tool. Recent guidance was provided to schools and districts with instructions on how educators can access the portal so they're able to experience the site for themselves and answer any/all questions from parents. By working with their district testing coordinators, they can also use the tool for purposes of immediate remediation with students in need of additional help. It is important to note that since the portal includes access to real test content which has not been released yet, educators should refrain from duplicating or disseminating any test items until they are formally released this August.
- For purposes of immediate remediation, district testing coordinators can provide teachers with the item responses for each student in their classroom. Teachers can then use the student responses, item rationales, and the student expectations assessed to inform instruction and help individual students who have not yet demonstrated mastery of the content.
- If a parent wishes to discuss specific student performance with a teacher, the parent may provide the teacher with his or her student's Access Code so that the teacher can see the student's actual responses. We encourage teachers and parents to sit down together to go over items in detail.



Starting June 13th
Visit **TexasAssessment.com**

To learn more about your child's STAAR performance and how you can provide additional support at home.

**LOG IN &
LEARN MORE**

Follow **4 EASY STEPS** to...



Before school's out, get your child's **STAAR Access Code** from your school or district.



Starting June 13th, visit **TexasAssessment.com**.



Log In with your child's STAAR Access Code or use the Access Code **Look-up Feature** at TexasAssessment.com.



Learn More about your child's performance, including how questions were answered, and how you can provide additional support at home.

GET YOUR CODE



STAAR Access Code

Visit **TexasAssessment.com**

AS PARENTS, YOU ARE CRITICAL PARTNERS IN YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS.

The Texas Education Agency is committed to making sure you are informed and have an accurate picture of your child's progress. Follow these 4 steps to Log in & Learn More.



A partir del 13 de junio
Visite **TexasAssessment.com**

Para aprender más sobre el desempeño de su hijo en la prueba STAAR y cómo puede proporcionar apoyo adicional en el hogar.

Con estos **4 PASOS FÁCILES...**

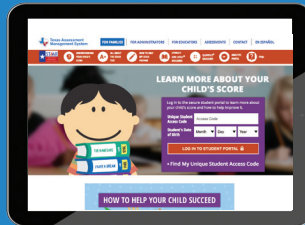
**INGRESE
Y APRENDA MÁS**



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Antes de que termine la escuela, obtenga el **Código de Acceso STAAR** de su hijo de la escuela o distrito.

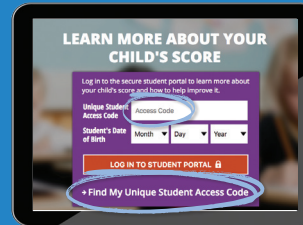


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A partir del 13 de junio, visite **TexasAssessment.com**.



3

Ingresa con el Código de Acceso STAAR de su hijo o use la **Función de Búsqueda** de Código de Acceso en TexasAssessment.com.



4
Aprenda Más sobre el desempeño de su hijo, incluyendo cómo se contestaron las preguntas y cómo puede proporcionar apoyo adicional en el hogar.

OBTENGA SU CÓDIGO



Código de Acceso STAAR

Visite **TexasAssessment.com**

COMO PADRES, USTEDES SON COPARTÍCIPES FUNDAMENTALES EN EL ÉXITO DE SU HIJO.

La Agencia de Educación de Texas se compromete a asegurarse de que usted esté informado y tenga una imagen acertada del progreso de su hijo. Con estos 4 pasos Ingrese y Aprenda Más.