

STAAR Out-of-School and Out-of-District Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is out-of-school testing?

For the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®), out-of-school (OOS) testing allows examinees who are no longer enrolled in school but still need to test to take a STAAR end-of-course (EOC) assessment during a scheduled test administration at a participating district.

2. Who should register for STAAR OOS testing?

Examinees who have not passed a STAAR EOC assessment and are no longer enrolled in school but have otherwise completed requirements for graduation should register for STAAR OOS testing. Former TAKS examinees (including TAAS and TEAMS examinees) who have not met their testing requirements for graduation should register for STAAR OOS testing.

3. How do examinees register for STAAR OOS testing?

STAAR OOS examinees must register to test at a participating campus by completing the STAAR Out-of-School and Out-of-District Examinee Registration Form during the registration period for a scheduled administration of the STAAR EOC assessments. Refer to the STAAR Out-of-School and Out-of-District Test Site Directory on the [Other Testing Resources](#) page of the Texas Assessment website for a list of OOS test sites available for each STAAR administration.

4. When can examinees register for STAAR OOS testing?

Examinees should register to test during the applicable STAAR OOS registration period. Refer to the [Calendar of Events](#) for STAAR OOS registration dates.

5. What if the STAAR OOS registration deadline is missed?

Examinees who do not register online by the deadline may still take the assessment at participating campuses at the testing location's discretion. Examinees should contact the campus well before the testing date to ensure that the campus can accommodate them. Campus personnel will assist with the on-site registration process.

6. When should examinees arrive at a STAAR OOS test site?

Examinees should arrive at the OOS test site at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the assessment. To participate in STAAR OOS testing, examinees must present a photo ID, such as a driver's license, DPS ID, military ID, school ID, or resident alien card. Examinees will not be allowed to take the assessment without a photo ID.

7. Where are OOS examinees assessment results reported?

Assessment results for OOS testers are sent to the district granting the diploma, as noted in the *District* and *Campus* fields of the examinee registration form.

8. Which assessments should former TAKS examinees register to take?

Because the TAKS tests are no longer administered, former TAKS examinees (including TAAS

and TEAMS examinees) may meet the alternate assessment passing scores on the applicable STAAR EOC assessment—Algebra I, English II, Biology, or U.S. History. Examinees should contact the school district where they were last enrolled if they have questions about which assessment they need to take.

9. What is STAAR out-of-district testing?

STAAR out-of-district (OOD) testing allows students who will be away from their home districts for a scheduled administration to take a STAAR EOC assessment at a participating district.

10. Who should register for STAAR OOD testing?

Students who will be participating as first-time testers or as retesters in a STAAR EOC assessment in a district other than their home district may register for OOD testing. Students testing at a different campus within their home district should not register for STAAR OOD testing.

11. How do students register for STAAR OOD testing?

Districts can register students for STAAR OOD testing in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). Alternatively, students can register themselves to test in a district other than their home district by completing the STAAR Out-of-School and Out-of-District Examinee Registration Form during the registration period for a scheduled administration of the STAAR EOC assessments. Refer to the STAAR Out-of-School and Out-of-District Test Site Directory on the [Other Testing Resources](#) webpage for a list of OOS test sites available for each STAAR administration.

12. When can students be registered for STAAR OOD testing?

Districts should register students or students can register themselves during the applicable STAAR OOD registration period. Refer to the [Calendar of Events](#) for STAAR OOD registration dates.

13. What if the STAAR OOD registration deadline is missed?

Students who are not registered by the deadline may still take the assessment at participating campuses at the testing district's discretion. The home district should contact the testing district before the date of the assessment to confirm availability, starting time, and location.

14. When should students arrive at a STAAR OOD test site?

Students should arrive at an OOD test site at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the assessment. Students participating in STAAR OOD testing must bring a photo ID on the day of testing. Students will not be allowed to take the assessment without a photo ID.

15. Where are OOD students' assessment results reported?

For reporting purposes, districts must ensure that students are in the correct district and campus in TIDE by the end of the testing window. Assessment results for OOD testers are sent to the district in which the student is enrolled in TIDE at the end of the testing window.

16. Where can examinees find additional resources for STAAR OOS or OOD testing?

Examinees can visit the [Practice and Released Tests](#) webpage to become familiar with question types and the online testing environment for STAAR EOC assessments. Other information that may be helpful for preparing for STAAR OOS or OOD testing is available on the [STAAR Resources](#) webpage.