

House Bill 1225 and STAAR State Assessment

PARENT NOTIFICATION – HOUSE BILL 1225 – PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN/TEACHER REQUEST STAAR PAPER FORMAT

Beaumont ISD has implemented STAAR online testing for the past four years at all levels. STAAR online tests enable students to utilize embedded supports that cannot be replicated on paper formatted assessments. The Texas Legislature passed a bill that allows school districts to administer STAAR in a paper format to any student whose parents/legal guardians/teachers request this format. **A paper request is contingent upon the order in which they are received.** Please note that the amount of paper testing cannot exceed three percent of the district enrollment. Thus, a request for a paper formatted test is not a guarantee for a paper assessment. Further guidance from the Texas Education Agency will be released in early September.

Students who are determined to receive the paper format are accepting the following parameters:

- Students may receive Interims in the paper format, but online participation will be encouraged.
- Students using paper format may test separately from online testers.
- Students may test on a separate day than their peers.
- *Content Language Supports* and *Text-to-Speech* **are only delivered** using the online STAAR testing system.
- Any assessment prior to the district determination of paper format will follow standard campus practice.

Parents, please consider your child's current STAAR scores, speak to your child about online versus paper testing, and review and practice on the online testing platform. Parents can review the online testing platform by clicking the green "Sign In" button on the [Texas Assessment website](#). The practice online testing environment is designed to familiarize parents and students with the available tools, accommodations identified for your child (if using your child's identifiable login), and the various types of test questions.

Due to strict deadlines outlined in House Bill 1225, Beaumont ISD window is currently open to request a paper format administration of STAAR to BISD no later than **September 16th for December administrations** and no later than **December 2nd for spring administrations each year**. These windows will remain open for the December EOC and Spring STAAR until 2 p.m. of the designated deadline for each administration. **[Request paper tests using this link.](#)**