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## Dear Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD Families,

STAAR season is fast approaching! As we prepare for this important testing period, we want to ensure you have all the information you need to support your student.

### What is STAAR?

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) is a standardized test that measures how well students have learned and can apply the knowledge and skills outlined in the grade-level/course Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). STAAR helps ensure our students are academically competitive at the national and international levels, while also meeting federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements.

### What Students Are Tested:

- **Reading Language Arts and Mathematics:** Grades 3-8
- **Science:** Grades 5 and 8
- **Social Studies:** Grade 8
- **End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments:** English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History

\*All assessments will be administered online.

### Important Dates:

The first round of STAAR testing begins **Tuesday, April 7th**, and runs through **Wednesday, April 29th** (including make-up dates). Please access your campus-specific testing schedule here: [[2026 STAAR/State Assessment Schedule](#)]

### How COCISD Prepares Students:

Every STAAR question aligns directly with the TEKS. Because test questions may vary each year, our teachers teach the complete curriculum to ensure students develop a comprehensive understanding and mastery. Throughout this school year, our educators have used rigorous, relevant instruction to equip students with the critical thinking skills needed to excel.

We are confident our students will perform exceptionally well on these assessments!

## Parent/Guardian Information: Helpful Test-Taking Tips

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD faculty and staff have been working diligently with your child to ensure they are well prepared to perform at their best on the STAAR/STAAR EOC assessments. To support positive student performance and maintain a focused, distraction-free testing environment, please review and adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Campus Access:** All campuses will be closed to visitors on state assessment days due to testing restrictions. As a result, outside and/or parent lunch deliveries will not be permitted on test days.
- **Contacting Your Child:** If it is necessary to reach your child during testing, please contact the campus office at **936-653-1115**. Whenever possible, please avoid early dismissals for personal reasons on testing days.
- **Arrival Time:** Students should arrive at school on time (**by 7:40 A.M.**) to report to their designated testing room and ensure a smooth start to the day.
- **Lunch Procedures:** On test days, students may bring a sack lunch from home or receive a hot tray lunch through the cafeteria during the regular lunch period. Some students may be provided a sack lunch by the cafeteria, depending on testing schedules.
- **Rest & Nutrition:**
  - Ensure your child gets plenty of rest the night before each STAAR/STAAR EOC assessment.
  - Encourage a healthy breakfast on testing days, avoiding foods and drinks high in sugar.
- **Attendance:** Unless your child is ill, it is imperative that students are present at school on all STAAR/STAAR EOC testing days.
- **After Testing:** Students are encouraged to bring a book, novel, or magazine to read once they have completed their test.
- **Dress Code & Comfort:** Students should dress comfortably and in accordance with the COCISD dress code. Dressing in layers is recommended to adjust to room temperatures. Hoodies are allowed; however, blankets of any kind are not permitted and should be left at home.
- **Health Needs:** Students should take medications and wear glasses or contacts as prescribed by their doctor.

Please contact your campus if you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding these expectations. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping our students succeed.

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Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your campus.

With gratitude and appreciation,

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