Optional Beginning-of-Year Assessments Overview for Parents
Topics

★ The Basics
★ Registration and Test Preparation
★ Accessing the Tests
★ Seeing Your Child’s Test Results
★ Resources and Support
The Basics
Beginning-of-Year Assessments

What are beginning-of-year (BOY) assessments?
The beginning-of-year assessments are a free, at-home, optional tool that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is offering to all students.

What is the purpose of the BOY assessments?
- The results from this activity will show how well your child has mastered grade-level knowledge and skills during the 2019-2020 school year.
- These tests results are solely to help you support your child and will not be used for accountability purposes for your student or school.
- You can use the results as you talk with your child’s school about how to best support your student moving forward.

When are the BOY assessments available?
- The registration window for parents will open Monday August 24, 2020, and will remain open until Friday, September 18, 2020.
- Students will be able to take the test until Friday, September 25, 2020.
Available Tests

★ BOY assessments cover the same grades and subjects as STAAR.

- Grades 3–8 math, including grades 3–5 Spanish versions
- Grades 3–8 reading, including grades 3–5 Spanish versions
- Grades 4 and 7 writing, including grade 4 Spanish version
- Grades 5 and 8 science, including grade 5 Spanish version
- Grade 8 social studies
- Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History

★ The writing tests for grades 4 and 7 and English I and II will not include an essay.
Available Accessibility Tools

★ Your child should use the accessibility tools they routinely and effectively use in the classroom.

★ Some of the online tools that your child uses may look or act a bit different.

★ One of the best ways to help your child get ready to take the BOY assessments is to have him or her look at the online tutorial.

★ The tutorial will show your child how the online test works and how to use the online tools.
Available Online Tools

The following tools will be available for all tests:

- Highlighter
- Notepad
- Help
- Guideline
- Color
- Zoom
- Mark for Review
- Answer Masking
- Answer Eliminator

The following tools will be available for specific content-related tests:

- Basic Calculator
- Scientific Calculator
- Graphing Calculator
- Customary Ruler
- Metric Ruler
- Mathematics Reference Materials (i.e., conversions and formulas)
- Science Reference Materials (i.e., formulas and periodic table)
Accommodations

Your child should use the accommodations they routinely and effectively use in the classroom.

A text-to-speech online tool is available for your child if he or she normally receives an oral administration for testing.

- If you are registering your child for testing, be sure to mark “Yes” for the oral administration question on the registration form.
- If your district is registering your child for testing, they will indicate an oral administration.

If your child is testing in grades 3-5 and needs to take the test in Spanish, indicate that on the registration form.
Test Details

★ BOY assessments cover the statewide curriculum—what your child learned during the 2019-2020 school year.

★ BOY assessments have a number of test questions similar to their respective STAAR test.

★ Your child can pace themselves as necessary to complete a test.
Registering and Preparing for the Tests
Test Preparation – Online Tutorial

One of the best ways to help your child get ready to take the BOY assessments is to have him or her look at the online tutorial.

- The tutorial will show your child how the online test works and how to use the online tools.
- The tutorial helps make sure your child’s device will work for the BOY assessments.

Your child can access the Student Tutorial through a web browser at:

During the Online Test

★ Your child can ask for help with:

- understanding test directions
- how to find and use any of the online tools in the test.

★ Your child can use scratch paper on all tests.

★ Your child can use a dictionary on all reading and writing tests, including English I and English II tests.
Accessing the Tests
Login Information

After registration is complete, districts or parents will receive login information for their students.

The login information includes the Schoolnet web address (tx.schoolnet.com) and:

- username,
- password, and
- test passcodes.
Go to Schoolnet

⭐ Go to tx.schoolnet.com.

⭐ If you (instead of your district) registered your child, your child should select “Parent” in the Sign in with box.

⭐ If your district registered your child, your child should select your district in the Sign in with box.
Schoolnet Sign In

Your child should type in his or her username.

Your child should type in his or her password.

Then, click the **Sign In** button.

Your child will use this same login information for all tests in Schoolnet.
Starting a Test in Schoolnet

After signing into the homepage in Schoolnet, your child will follow these steps to start the online test.

**Step 1:** Type in a test passcode provided in the *Take a Test* section and click *Go.*

**Step 2:** Check that information on screen is correct and click *Start Your Test.*
Sample Screen

The BOY assessment will launch in a web browser.
Submitting a Test

After your child answers the last test question, a summary screen will appear.

This screen shows how many questions are not answered and how many questions are bookmarked.

It allows your child a chance to review questions that have not been answered or have been flagged.
Confirming Submission of a Test

After your child clicks the **Submit Final Answers** button, a pop-up window will appear.

Your child will need to confirm that he or she is ready to submit the test.

Your child may click:

- Yes, **Submit Final Answers** or
- **No, Cancel** to return to the test.
Seeing Your Child's Test Results
Test Completion

After your child confirms submission, a results screen will immediately appear.

Your child will see
- how many questions were answered
- how many questions are correct,
- how many questions are wrong, and
- the percent correct.

No questions will show as partially correct.
Test Results for Online Testing

When your child closes the test, the system will take him or her back to the student’s homepage.

Students and parents may view detailed test results for each test taken from the student’s homepage.

Test results will include:

- how a student performed overall on the test,
- how he or she did on each test question along with the correct answer,
- images of each test question, and
- recommended next steps.
Questions?

If you have questions, contact the Pearson Customer Service Center at:

Pearson Customer Support Form

or 1-800-627-0225 Monday–Friday
7:30 am – 5:30 pm CST.
Thank you!