

# Four Things Families Should Know About the 2021 STAAR



- 1 This year's STAAR results are for learning and recovery only.**
  - ★ The scores will not be used to rate schools or districts or to evaluate teachers.
  - ★ They will not affect promotion for students in any grades.
  - ★ Graduating students will have other options to meet the graduation requirements.
- 2 Schools and districts will use STAAR to identify learning gaps.**
  - ★ Teachers will use the scores to better understand how the pandemic impacted learning and develop plans to address learning gaps.
  - ★ District leaders will use the results to ensure the schools and students in greatest need receive the resources they need for recovery.
- 3 STAAR will be given in-person with safety protocols in place to ensure every student is safe, monitored, and supported by a teacher.**
  - ★ For students who take the test online, this guarantees they have a reliable device and internet and a teacher to address any technology issues.
  - ★ Districts will establish their own guidelines to ensure that students are safe. Schools may use spaces like cafeterias and gyms so students have more space.
- 4 Families can access their child's scores in the school portal, along with tailored resources by mid-summer.**
  - ★ Parents can view their child's scores by logging into the school portal or by visiting [TexasAssessment.gov](https://www.texasassessment.gov).
  - ★ As always, the results will include detailed information in each subject, including areas of strength and gaps in learning, actual test questions, and tailored resources parents can use at home to support learning.

An illustration of a family (a woman, a man, and a child) and a teacher standing in a classroom. The teacher is pointing to a whiteboard with math problems. There are large colorful blocks in the background.

I need a complete picture of my child's learning from this year.

Together, let's create a plan to get your child back on track.

## The partnership between schools and families has never been more important.

STAAR is just one of many ways to measure student learning. It isn't meant to tell the whole story, but should be combined with other measures like personal observations, teacher feedback, and grades to give families a more complete picture of their child's learning over the past year.

This year, your child's scores may be lower than in previous years. It is important that your child knows this is because of the learning disruptions over the past year. Families should discuss their child's STAAR results with their child's teachers in the fall to co-create a learning plan to get their children back on track.