

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT TYPE OF STATE ASSESSMENT IS USED IN TEXAS?

The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) measures a student's mastery of the state-mandated curriculum. www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/index.html

WHAT IS THE CORE CURRICULUM FOR THE DISTRICT/STATE?

State approved curriculum, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), as required by the Texas Education Agency. <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/curriculum/>

WHEN IS THE TAKS ADMINISTERED?

Grades 3-9 Reading
Grades 3-10 and exit level Mathematics
Grades 4 and 7 Writing
Grade 10 and exit level English language arts (ELA)
Grades 5, 8, 10 and exit level science
Grades 8, 10 and exit level social studies

WHAT ARE EXIT LEVEL TAKS?

These tests are based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) that teachers use every day in the classroom as the basis for instruction. Students must pass their classes as well as all four sections of the exit level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) in order to receive a diploma and graduate from a Texas public high school. Students first take the exit level TAKS in the spring of their junior year. Students will have five opportunities prior to their graduation to take and pass the exit level tests.

WHAT ASSESSMENTS ARE ADMINISTERED TO STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION?

The Admission Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee – (IEP committee) determine which assessment is appropriate for each student based upon his/her individual needs.

- TAKS including TAKS (Accommodated) - General assessment (with or without accommodations).
- TAKS – Modified (TAKS-M) - Alternate assessment based on modified academic achievement standards.
- TAKS – Alternate (TAKS-Alt) – Alternate assessment based on alternate academic achievement standards.

For questions please contact: Assessment.StudentsWithDisabilities@tea.state.tx.us

IS PRE-KINDERGARTEN AVAILABLE?

Yes, pre-kindergarten is available through your local public school. A child must be 4 years old by September 1 of that academic year. Through Texas House Bill 1, children of active duty military and children of active duty members, killed or injured while on active duty qualify to attend.

WHAT IS THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN?

A child must be 5 years old on or before September 1 of that academic year.

WHAT ARE THE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS?

Please visit www.immunizetexas.com Note that Hepatitis A is required in El Paso County

WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION?

- Certified copy of the child's Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card (A state number can be issued if needed or preferred)
- Immunization records
- Proof of Residency (lease agreement, rent receipt, utility bill, housing contract...)
- Report Card from previous campus or unofficial transcript
- Valid ID of person enrolling student

IS BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

Residence must be two or more miles from the campus or be in a school board designated hazardous traffic area if less than two miles.