

Time Limits for Assessments



The STAAR assessments are designed so that students can complete the 3rd–5th grade assessments in two hours and the 6th–8th grade assessments in three hours. If needed, students can take up to four hours to complete their assessment. The time limits for the assessments were set to provide students the time they needed without causing additional stress and worry. The time limit for STAAR end-of-course assessments is also four hours, except for the STAAR English I and English II assessments, which have a time limit of up to five hours.

The testing time begins after all directions are read to the students. Students may be allowed to take breaks during testing, potentially including breaks for snacks or meals. Once a student completes and turns in or submits the test, the student may quietly read a book or may be allowed to leave the testing area.

For students who need additional assistance while taking a state assessment, accessibility features and designated supports may be available. Accessibility features are available to any student and include things such as scratch paper, highlighters, small group administrations, and translating test directions. Designated supports are available to students who meet specific eligibility criteria and are either locally determined or TEA approved. These accommodations include extra time to complete the test, oral/signed administrations of test questions, calculation aids, and spelling assistance on writing tests. For all accommodations, it's important to coordinate with campus staff about eligibility requirements or any other specific questions you may have. Additional information about testing accommodations may be found on [TEA's Accommodations Resources webpage](#).