

To: Parents of virtual students
Students receiving virtual instruction

Re: April/May 2021 STAAR Administration

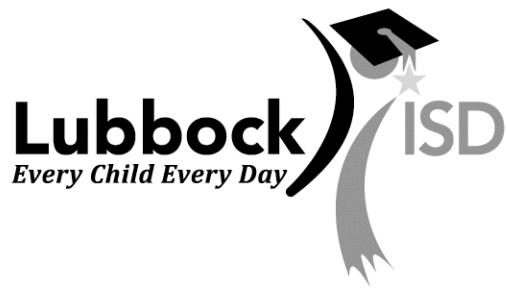
The Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced in January that in order to participate in STAAR assessments this Spring, a student must be present at school as stated in the following TEA guidance:

*"To ensure equity for all students, a student **must** be present at a monitored testing session and must be supervised by a trained test administrator to participate in the Texas assessment program."*

According to state law in Texas Education Code section 26.010, students may **not** opt out of standardized or any other tests. Given the important academic information these assessments provide, school systems will use results to gauge growth toward mastery of the curriculum and provide appropriate accelerated instruction when needed.

Therefore, all students must test at their home campus since no virtual testing is permitted by the TEA. Local and state COVID prevention guidelines will be followed to ensure proper sanitation, social distancing, and handling of materials. The precautions and protocols below will be followed:

- Testing rooms will be cleaned prior to and after testing, adhering to COVID cleaning protocols.
- Test administrators will complete the *Lubbock ISD COVID-19 Self-Screening Tool* each day of testing for the safety and protection of students and staff.
- For virtual students who typically ride a bus to school, notification that transportation is needed must be made **prior to April 1st** by contacting *CHS main office – 219-1100*.
- Virtual students will be required to check-in at the school office beginning at **8:15 am** each morning, but no later than **8:45 am**. Face-to-face students will be in class at that time.
- Student identification must be confirmed prior to testing.
- Students should bring their **CHARGED** LISD-issued Chromebook for testing.
- Students will be required to wear masks before, during, and after testing.
- Virtual students will be required to leave campus as soon as testing is completed each day.
- Late arriving students may jeopardize testing for that day.



Below is the schedule for the April/May STAAR Administration:

Monday, April 5	Tuesday, April 6	Wednesday, April 7	Thursday, April 8	Friday, April 9
	Gr 4 & 7 Writing English I EOC		English II EOC	
Monday, May 3	Tuesday, May 4	Wednesday, May 5	Thursday, May 6	Friday, May 7
	Algebra I EOC	US History EOC	Gr 8 Science Biology EOC	Gr 8 Soc Studies
Monday, May 10	Tuesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 12	Thursday, May 13	Friday, May 14
	Gr 3 - 8 Math	Gr 3 - 8 Reading	Gr 5 Science	

ONLINE STAAR TUTORIALS AVAILABLE:

Any student taking an **online version** of the STAAR assessment may practice to become familiar with how to use the online tools:

1. Go to: <http://tx-tss.caltesting.org/inbrowser/>
2. Click: PRACTICE
3. YEAR: Select 2018
4. GRADE: Select grade level
5. SUBJECT: Select Testing Subject
6. TEST: Select No PNP (unless you have approved online testing accommodations, then click ALL PNP)
7. Click: TAKE TEST.

This is a practice test only. Campus personnel will not have access to scores.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS: Please **contact the Campus Testing Coordinator** (*Christy Loafman – 219-1142*) if your child needs to participate in testing, but is quarantined per public health safety protocol or has had recent exposure to someone with COVID-19.

Students will not be allowed to test until **after** their quarantine is lifted.

Sincerely,

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