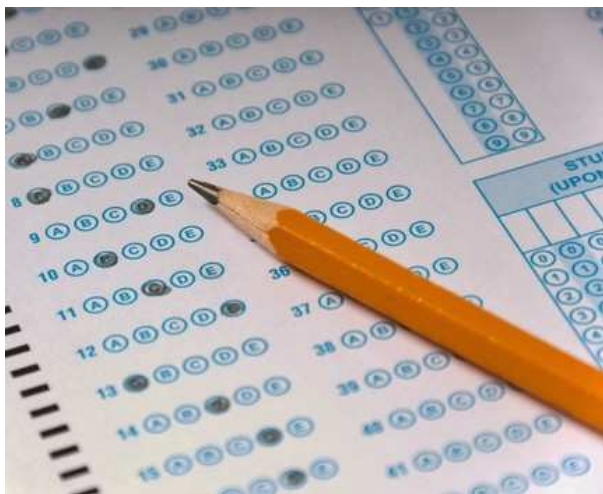


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## Over 75% of Texas 5th and 8th graders passed the STAAR exams for reading & math

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Just released today from the [Texas Education Agency](#) are the results of the 2015-2016 results of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) exams. Approximately three-quarters of the state's fifth and eighth graders successfully passed the (STAAR®) reading and mathematics tests, according to preliminary results released today by the Texas Education Agency. The results reflect passing rates for the spring 2016 administration of STAAR in March.

Seventy-five percent of fifth and 82 percent of eighth-grade students passed the STAAR reading test on their first attempt. Seventy-nine percent of fifth and 73 percent of eighth-grade students passed the STAAR mathematics test on their first attempt.

In all about 358,000 students in the 5th grade took the exam along with approximately 353,000 8th grade students. A few of the highlights include 5th grade reading passing rates were 75% for 5th grade and 82% for 8th grade. The same time last year the passing rate for 5th graders was 78%

and for 8th graders was 78% so there was an uptick of 4 percentage points for the reading portion of the STAAR reading exams for 8th graders. In the areas of mathematics, approximately 79% of 5th graders and 73% of 8th graders pass that portion of the STAAR exam in comparison to 79% of 5th graders and 75% of 8th graders last year. An improvement of a few percentage points for the math portion.

This online portion of this year's STAAR exams were riddled with technical issues earlier this year in a number of Texas school districts related to the online administration of the (STAAR®). Students' previously selected responses on an online test were not appearing after officially logging out or time out. This resulted in a number of districts but it's not clear if this issue had any impact at all on results.

To review STAAR state-level reports for all grades, visit the [Texas Education Agency](#).

### SUGGESTED LINKS

- [STAAR changes will be significant](#)
- [STAAR testing preparation](#)



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