



Everything you want to know about the STAAR™ REDESIGN

This document focuses on what changes the Reading Language Arts STAAR tests will see for the 2023 redesign.

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STAAR 3-8 RLA Tests

	Spring 2022	Spring 2023 and Beyond
Reporting Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same reporting categories as 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New reporting categories
Assessed Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only the 2017 reading SEs assessed Writing items will be field tested only Same readiness and supporting designations as 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017 reading AND writing SEs will be assessed New readiness and supporting designations
Question Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple-choice only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple-choice and new question types
Extended Constructed Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included at every grade level Writing in response to a reading selection More than one mode of writing is eligible for assessment Scored using a 5-point rubric

For Spring 2022 RLA tests, there will be only multiple choice questions. The reporting categories and readiness and supporting designations will be the same as prior years. The stand-alone writing test at Grades 4 and 7 have been eliminated from 2022 forward, so the only writing items that students will see in Grades 3-8 will be field tested items on the Spring 2022 test.

In Spring 2023 RLA tests, expect the addition of new questions types. All students in Grades 3-8 can anticipate writing an extended constructed response that will be scored on a 5-point rubric. More than one mode of writing is eligible for assessment at every grade level, so it is important that teachers are teaching the TEKS.

STAAR EOC RLA Tests

	Dec 2021	Spring & Dec 2022	Spring 2023 & Beyond
Reporting Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same reporting categories as spring 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same categories as spring 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New reporting categories
Assessed Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overlapping '09 and '17 SEs assessed Same readiness and supporting designations as spring 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only the 2017 SEs will be assessed Same readiness and supporting designations as spring 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New readiness and supporting designations
Question Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple-choice and composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple-choice and composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple-choice, new question types & composition
Extended Constructed Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing in response to a stand-alone prompt Same mode of writing as spring 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing in response to a stand-alone prompt Same mode of writing as spring 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing in response to reading More than one mode of writing is eligible for assessment Scored using a 5-point rubric

All English EOC exams through December 2022 will have the same format of past years. Beginning in Spring 2023, the English EOC exams will have new reporting categories, new readiness and supporting designations, and new questions types. The extended constructed response will no longer be a stand-alone prompt; it will be writing in response to reading.

Like grades 3-8, more than one mode of writing is eligible for assessment. There will no longer be strictly expository for English 1 and strictly persuasive for English 2. It is important that teachers are teaching the TEKS and providing a variety of writing experiences to students.

RLA New Question Types

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	English I	English II
Multiselect	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multipart	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hot text	✓	✓	✓					
Text entry				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inline Choice	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Match table grid						✓	✓	✓
Short constructed response	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Extended constructed response	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

TEA has released grade levels eligible for the new RLA question types. Although some changes may occur after data is collected from the stand-alone field tests in February 2022, it is critical to note that short constructed responses and extended constructed responses are planned for all grades 3-10. It is essential that the reading / writing integration intended with the RLA TEKS is occurring in classrooms.

Constructed Response Types

GRADE 3 SAMPLE PROMPT

Read the selection carefully. Then enter your answer in the space provided.

Based on paragraphs 7-12, what can the reader tell about the relationship between Kwan and his grandmother. Support your answer with evidence from the story.

Short Constructed Response (SCR)

- SCRs assess reading standards
- 2-Point Task
 - Item-Specific Rubrics
 - Accurate Answers
 - Supporting Evidence from Text
 - 2 points = Full response
 - 1 point = Partial response

The SCRs for the 2023 RLA redesign will require students to respond to reading as you see on the third grade sample prompt released from TEA. SCRs will be scored with a 2-point, item-specific rubric.

Extended Constructed Response (ECR)

- ECRs Assess Response & Composition TEKS
- More than one mode (genre)
- 5-Point Task
 - Genre-Specific Rubrics
 - 3 points = Idea Development
 - 2 points = Language Conventions

SAMPLE INFORMATIONAL PROMPT

After reading the excerpt from Air Traffic Control, think about the following question.

In what ways has air traffic control changed over time?

In a written response, explain how air traffic control has changed over time. You must support your response with details from the selection.

The ECRs for the 2023 RLA redesign will require students to respond to reading as seen on this sample informational prompt released from TEA. ECRs will not be limited to the informational / expository or persuasive / argumentative modes, and more than one mode of writing is eligible for assessment at each grade level in 3-10. ECRs will be scored on a 5-point, genre-specific rubric.

Questions? Suggestions?

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