

Hurricane Harvey Impact – June 2018 STAAR Grades 5 and 8 Mathematics and Reading Retest Administration Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question: Are districts able to select specific students or campuses to retest in the June 2018 administration?

Answer: No. The decision to administer the June 2018 STAAR retest applies to the entire district.

Question: Will the district see results for the May 2018 STAAR grades 5 and 8 retest administration before making the decision to test during the June 2018 STAAR grades 5 and 8 retest administration?

Answer: No. The deadline to decide if the district will administer the June 2018 STAAR retest is May 4, 2018. Results for the May 2018 STAAR grades 5 and 8 retest administration will be available June 5, 2018.

Question: Why is the decision to test during the June 2018 STAAR grades 5 and 8 retest administration required before testing begins for the May 2018 STAAR grades 5 and 8 retest administration?

Answer: The May 4, 2018, deadline was established to ensure that the individual needs of districts who are administering the June 2018 STAAR retest can be met as well as to avoid unnecessary material handling for districts who choose not to retest. Since the scores from the May administration will not be available before this decision, the May 4th date allows for time to plan and does not conflict with retesting.

Question: How will districts communicate this decision to ETS?

Answer: The district testing coordinator must provide written notification to ETS by email, fax, or letter, indicating that his or her district does not wish to participate in the June 2018 STAAR grades 5 and 8 retest administration. Mailed or faxed notifications should include the district coordinator signature. Email correspondence must come directly from the email address of the district coordinator on file. ETS will provide acknowledgement of receipt of the notification via email to the district coordinator on file.

Email: STAAR3-8@ets.org

Fax: 1-844-257-3499

Mailing address: ATTN: ETS Texas Assessment Support Center, 6231 E. Stassney Lane, Bldg. 11-200, Austin, TX 78744

Question: If the district decides not to administer the June 2018 STAAR grades 5 and 8 retest administration and still receives materials, how should the district handle returns?

Answer: The district should return **ALL** June 2018 grades 5 and 8 retest materials using nonscorable labels provided in box 1 of the district shipment. Materials do not need to be opened or sorted in any way; place the nonscorable label over the original shipping label and return to ETS.

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For any precoded answer documents received, write “VOID” on the outside of the box and return with a nonscorable label. There is no need to write “VOID” on individual answer documents.

For districts requiring freight pick-up, call the Texas Assessment Support Center at 1-855-333-7770.

Question: Are there any other actions a district must take if it decides not to administer the June 2018 STAAR grades 5 and 8 retest?

Answer: No. ETS will process student registration data to delete it from the STAAR Assessment Management System upon receipt of district notification that they will not administer the June 2018 administration.