



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The state of Texas will transition to **fully online state assessments by the 2022-23 school year**, and McKinney ISD is preparing staff, students and families for this change in two phases.

Phase 1 will take place during the current 2020–2021 school year. Students will take their Math and Science assessments online in the spring of 2021 – with the exception of 5th grade Math. (See table below.)

Phase 1: 2020-21 School Year		
Elementary	Middle	High
3rd Math, 4th Math	6th Math, 7th Math, 8th Math	Algebra
5th Science	8th Science	Biology

	Writing STAAR	Reading STAAR	Math STAAR	Science STAAR
3rd		May 12, 2021 paper	May 11, 2021 online	
4th	April 6, 2021 paper	May 12, 2021 paper	May 11, 2021 online	
5th		May 12, 2021 paper	May 11, 2021 paper	May 13, 2021 online

Phase 2 will take place during the 2021–2022 school year. In Phase 2, students will take Math, Science, Reading Language Arts and Social Studies tests online.

The district will work closely with our MISD campuses to ensure that staff and students are confident with the online testing platform and tools before the Phase 1 online tests this spring (2021). Online learning that has taken place over the past year has provided our students and teachers with experience that will support this transition to online assessment. Please note that students who receive testing accommodations will receive those accommodations in both paper and online formats.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires that state assessments be given in a secure environment, and they cannot be administered remotely. Therefore, all students are

encouraged to report to campus on their assigned testing date to take their state assessment(s).

MISD campuses will continue to follow local health guidelines and procedures for social distancing to the extent possible during testing.

Your child's campus will share more information with you as we approach the testing dates, but if you would like to explore more details about the state assessment changes, please refer to these resources: <https://tinyurl.com/MISDtests>. If you have questions, please contact your campus principal.

Sincerely,

McKinney ISD