

# Texas Statewide Assessment

## TAKS: Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills

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Beginning in school year 2002-2003 Texas phased in the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills). Students in certain grade levels are tested in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies.

### TAKS: EXIT LEVEL, 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE, & 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

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**Exit Level TAKS:** The Exit Level TAKS is given to students in grades 11 and 12. **All five sections (reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies) must be mastered in English before a Texas student receives a high school diploma.** If a student has not mastered any section(s), he/she must retake that section(s) until mastery is achieved.

Texas high school students are eligible to take the out-of-state EXIT LEVEL TAKS in Indiana if:

1. They have not mastered one or more sections of the exam, or
2. They were eligible to test during the school year but were not in Texas at the time the test was administered.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade TAKS:** If a Texas homebase student was in grade 3 during the previous school year, the student must have passed the reading portion of the TAKS before he/she can be automatically promoted to the next grade. Otherwise, Texas will make a decision for the individual student.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS:** If a Texas homebase student was in grade 5 during the previous school year, the student must have passed the reading and math portions of the TAKS before he/she can be automatically promoted to the next grade. Otherwise, Texas will make a decision for the individual student.

### TAAS: EXIT LEVEL

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**Exit Level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS):** The Exit Level TAAS was formerly given to students in grades 10, 11, and 12. The TAAS remains the graduation requirement for students enrolled in Grade 9 or higher on January 1, 2001. The assessment contains three sections: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. **If a TAAS-eligible student has not mastered any section(s) of the EXIT LEVEL TAAS, he/she must retake that section(s) until mastery is achieved in English before receiving a high school diploma.**

For additional information regarding Texas statewide assessment, please refer to the following links at the Texas Education Agency website:

Texas Education Agency:  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/>

Texas Student Assessment Division:  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/index.html>.