

**STAAR Grade 7 Reading Language Arts Blueprint  
Effective as of School Year 2022–23**

Reporting Category	Number of Standards	Number of Questions	Number of Points
1: Reading	Readiness: 13	26-28	28-30
	Supporting: 17		
2: Writing	Readiness: 9	17-19	26-28
	Supporting: 8		
Item Types by Point	1-point questions (multiple-choice and non-multiple choice)	42	42
	2-point questions (non-multiple choice)	2	4
	Extended Constructed Response	1	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>56</b>

All TEKS, whether identified as readiness or supporting, are required to be taught in their entirety for a grade level or course.

**Readiness standards** are essential for success in the current grade and important for preparedness for the next grade or course. They address broad and deep ideas and require in-depth instruction. These standards make up approximately 55-75% of the total points on the ba



## STAAR Grade 7 Reading Language Arts Test Design

STAAR Test	Passages	Number of Items	Reading Load
<b>Base Test</b> <i>These items contribute to the student's score.</i>	The <b>reading</b> section of the base test includes Two single reading passages and A paired reading passage (two passages read together)	The <b>reading</b> section of the base test includes 26 to 28 multiple-choice and non- multiple-choice items	Approximately 3,650 words maximum <sup>B</sup>
	The <b>writing</b> section of the base test includes Two revising passages, Two editing passages, and One extended constructed response (composition)	The <b>writing</b> section of the base test includes 17 to 19 multiple-choice and non- multiple-choice items, including the extended constructed response, which is a written response to a single or paired reading passage	
<b>Field Test</b> <i>These items do not contribute to the student's score.</i>	The <b>field-test</b> section includes ONLY ONE of the following: A single reading passage A paired reading passage A single revising passage Two short editing passages	The <b>field-test</b> section includes 6 multiple-choice and non-multiple- choice items	Approximately 900 words maximum <sup>B</sup>

<sup>B</sup>Although the length of individual passages may vary, the maximum reading load of the test is constant.

Eligible Genres	Passage Considerations
Passages may be from any of the following genres: <u>Literary</u> Fiction    Drama Poetry    Literary Nonfiction <u>Non-literary</u> Informational <sup>§</sup> Argumentative <sup>§</sup> Correspondence <sup>§</sup> Persuasive <sup>§</sup>	Passages are developed, and then reviewed and approved by Texas educators taking the following into consideration: Passages represent polished, high-quality writing and are considered exemplary samples of the eligible genres. Passages include reliable and accurate information. Passages are unbiased against or toward any group or culture. Passages are as engaging as possible for students. Passages are appropriate for the intended grade level, including readability indicators. Passages contain enough content to assess multiple student expectations.

<sup>§</sup>100% of the non-literary passages for these genres will cover topics from subject area TEKS up to and including grade 7. The majority of topics for these cross-curricular passages will come from social studies and science. The rest will come from fine arts, health, physical education, technology applications, and mathematics (personal financial literacy only).