

## **Assessment Information – Parents’ Right to Know (Federal ESSA Requirement)**

Because Newman receives state and federal funding, Newman is required to comply with state and federal testing requirements. Because these are a state requirement that measure student growth and progress, Newman does not have a policy to enable students to opt out of testing. Please see below for further details regarding the Texas Education Agency’s standardized testing requirements.

STAAR and EOC assessments are administered in the spring (April and May). Additional testing opportunities are available for EOC assessments in the summer (June) and for EOC assessments in the fall (December).

- April: STAAR: grades 3 - 8 reading language arts, grades 5 & 8 science, grade 8 social studies EOC: Biology, English I, English II, and US History
- May: STAAR: grades 3-8 Mathematics, EOC: Algebra I

**How many days are students taking STAAR assessments?** In general, students spend the following number of days testing during each school year: two days in grades 3 and 6; three days in grades 5; and four days in 8. The number of testing days for high school students is dependent on when students take specific high school courses and whether students need to retest. In most cases, a high school student would have five days of testing throughout his or her high school years—three in grade 9, two in grade 10.

How much time do students have to complete the STAAR exam?

Generally, students will complete STAAR exams in 3-4 hours, but students have the school day to take the STAAR/EOC assessments not to exceed 7 hours.

Accommodation: an extra day are available for students who meet eligibility criteria.

### **What reporting data are available to students and their parents?**

A student portal is available to students and their parents at [www.texasassessment.gov](http://www.texasassessment.gov). A student can see his or her recent test results and, in many cases, the student can see the test question, his or her answer choice, and a reason why the answer choice is correct or incorrect. The student is also able to see his or her test results from previous administrations. Each student is provided a unique access code to log in to the data portal. The access code is found at the bottom of the student’s STAAR Report Card. The student portal can be accessed at <https://www.texasassessment.gov/> and there is no charge for students or parents to use it.

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