

OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Internet

The web site address for the Student Assessment Division at the Texas Education Agency is www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment. At this web site, you can find information about the student assessment program, the testing calendar, the released tests and end-of-course tests, statewide testing results and technical information about the testing program.

Released Tests

Every year in late summer, each test that was given during the previous school year is published (along with the answer keys). If you would like to look at a released test, you should contact your school. Released tests are also available to you on the Internet at the Texas Education Agency's web site.

Study Guides

If you should fail any of the TAAS or TAKS tests, you will be given a *Study Guide* free of charge. This guide, which you can work through alone, with your family, or with a teacher or friend, is provided to help you strengthen the skills you need to be successful on TAAS or TAKS.

TAKS Performance

Your performance on the TAKS test is a good indicator of how well you are progressing in English/language arts, math, science, and/or social studies. If you were weak in some areas, you may want to focus on improving those skills before you take the exit-level test.

Students Receiving Special Education Services

If you are a student who is receiving special education services, your Admission Review, and Dismissal (ARD) committee will determine whether TAAS/TAKS or SDAA are appropriate measures of your academic progress. An exempt special education student who successfully completes his or her individual education plan (IEP) shall receive a high school diploma.

How to Reach TEA

The Texas Education Agency is located at 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701. The telephone number for the Student Assessment Division is 512-463-9536. The fax number is 512-463-9302.