

2013 Accountability System – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How are the STAAR grades 5 and 8 assessment results for students with Student Success Initiative (SSI) requirements included in the performance index results?

For students in grades 5 and 8, the performance index will include reading and mathematics test results from the first and second administration (first re-test opportunity). The best test result in each subject is found first then attributed to the campus and district; the accountability subset rules determine whether the test result is included in the performance index. The performance index includes test results for students who were enrolled in the campus or district in the fall as reported on the PEIMS October snapshot date and tested in the same campus or district in the spring.

Q: How are STAAR EOC retest results included in the performance index results?

A: Districts and campuses are accountable for three EOC test administrations: 1) summer results for students enrolled on the prior year fall enrollment snapshot, 2) fall results for students enrolled on the fall enrollment snapshot, 3) spring results for students enrolled on the fall enrollment snapshot. The table below describes the 2013 subset criteria for EOC tests and retests.

If a student was enrolled on the campus/district on this date:	Then these results are included in the campus/district accountability subset:
Fall 2011 enrollment snapshot	EOC summer 2012 administration
Fall 2012 enrollment snapshot	EOC fall 2012 administration
	EOC spring 2013 administration

For students who are enrolled and tested on the same campus or district during the 2013 accountability cycle (Scenario 1), the state accountability system will include EOC results based on the best result from first administration and retest results of tests administered in summer 2012, fall 2012, or spring 2013. Note that EOC retest results used for state accountability include results for students who took an EOC test in a prior accountability cycle, i.e., the summer 2012 retest results include students who were first tested in spring 2012.

For students who are enrolled and tested at a different campus or district during the 2013 accountability cycle (Scenario 2), the student's single best test outcome for each course is found first and attributed to the testing campus and district. After attributing the test to a campus and district, the accountability subset rules determine whether the test result is included in the performance index. If the single best test outcome for a course is attributed to a campus or district where the student does not meet the accountability subset criteria, then EOC test results are not evaluated for accountability. When all test results meet the accountability subset criteria and meet the student passing standard, then the best test result is chosen. When all test results meet the accountability subset criteria but do not meet the student passing standard, then the most recent test result is chosen.

SCENARIO 1: A student takes Algebra I repeated times within the 2013 accountability cycle at the same campus.

Example 1-A:

Fall 2011 Snapshot Campus A	Spring 2012	Summer 2012	Fall 2012 Snapshot Campus A	Fall 2012	Spring 2013
	1 st Time Tester	Retest #1		Retest #2	Retest #3
	CAMPUS A	CAMPUS A		CAMPUS A	CAMPUS A
		<i>fail</i>		<i>pass</i>	<i>fail</i>

Outcome for Example 1-A: The test result (pass) from the fall 2012 administration is attributed to Campus A.

Example 1-B:

Fall 2011 Snapshot Campus A	Spring 2012	Summer 2012	Fall 2012 Snapshot Campus A	Fall 2012	Spring 2013
	1 st Time Tester	Retest #1		Retest #2	Retest #3
	CAMPUS A	CAMPUS A		CAMPUS A	CAMPUS A
		<i>fail</i>		<i>fail</i>	<i>fail</i>

Outcome for Example 1-B: When all test results do not meet the passing standard, then the most recent test is chosen. The test result (fail) from the spring 2013 administration is attributed to Campus A.

Example 1-C:

Fall 2011 Snapshot Campus A	Spring 2012	Summer 2012		Fall 2012	Spring 2013
	1 st Time Tester	Retest #1		No retest taken	No retest taken
	CAMPUS A	CAMPUS A			
		<i>fail</i>			

Outcome for Example 1-C: The test result (fail) from the summer 2012 administration is attributed to Campus A.

SCENARIO 2: A student takes Algebra I repeated times within the 2013 accountability cycle at different campuses.

Example 2-A:

Fall 2011 Snapshot Campus A	Spring 2012	Summer 2012	Fall 2012 Snapshot Campus B	Fall 2012	Spring 2013
	1 st Time Tester	Retest #1		Retest #2	Retest #3
	CAMPUS A	CAMPUS A		CAMPUS B	CAMPUS B
		<i>fail</i>		<i>fail</i>	<i>pass</i>

Outcome for Example 2-A: The test result (pass) from the spring 2013 administration is attributed to Campus B. The test result (fail) from the summer 2012 administration is not attributed to Campus A.

Example 2-B:

Fall 2011 Snapshot Campus A	Spring 2012	Summer 2012	Fall 2012 Snapshot Campus B	Fall 2012	Spring 2013
	1 st Time Tester	Retest #1		Retest #2	Retest #3
	CAMPUS A	CAMPUS A		CAMPUS B	CAMPUS B
		<i>pass</i>		<i>Pass-BEST</i>	<i>pass</i>

Outcome for Example 2-B: The test result (pass) from the fall 2012 administration is attributed to Campus B. The test result (pass) from the summer 2012 administration is not attributed to Campus A.

Example 2-C:

Fall 2011 Snapshot Campus A	Spring 2012	Summer 2012	Fall 2012 Snapshot Campus B	Fall 2012	Spring 2013
	1 st Time Tester	Retest #1		Retest #2	Retest #3
	CAMPUS A	CAMPUS A		CAMPUS B	CAMPUS B
		<i>fail</i>		<i>fail</i>	<i>fail</i>

Outcome for Example 2-C: When all test results do not meet the passing standard, then the most recent test is chosen. The test result (fail) from the spring 2013 administration is attributed to Campus B. The test result (fail) from the summer 2012 administration is not attributed to Campus A.

Example 2-D:

Fall 2011 Snapshot Campus A	Spring 2012	Summer 2012	Fall 2012 Snapshot Campus B	Fall 2012	Spring 2013
	1 st Time Tester	Retest #1		Retest #2	Retest #3
	CAMPUS A	CAMPUS A		CAMPUS B	CAMPUS C
		<i>fail</i>		<i>pass</i>	<i>Pass-BEST</i>

Outcome for Example 2-D: The test result (pass) from the spring 2013 administration is not attributed to Campus C, since the accountability subset criteria were not met. The test result (pass) from the fall 2012 administration is not attributed to Campus B. The test result (fail) from the summer 2012 administration is not attributed to Campus A.