

# HHS Parent Meeting

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April 5, 2021



# Agenda

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STAAR EOC as part of Graduation Requirements

Spring Final Exam Schedule and Exemption Policy

Course Requests for 2021- 2022

Senior Activities

Summer School

## STAAR EOC as part of Graduation Requirements

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Under Current Texas Education Code, End of Course Exams are required for graduation in:

Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and US History

Students currently enrolled in a STAAR tested high school class, will have to meet EOC requirements for that class for graduation purposes.

Generally students in the following grades take the following assessments:

Freshman: Algebra I, English I, Biology

Sophomore: English II

Junior: US History

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Question: The Houston Chronicle reported that virtual students don't have to test this year. Isn't this a contradiction?

Question: What happens if my child is in an EOC class and does not show up for testing?

Question: What if my child took one of those classes last year?

Question: When are the STAAR Testing Dates?

Question: What safety protocols are in place?

## STAAR EOC as part of Graduation Requirements

### FAQ for 2021

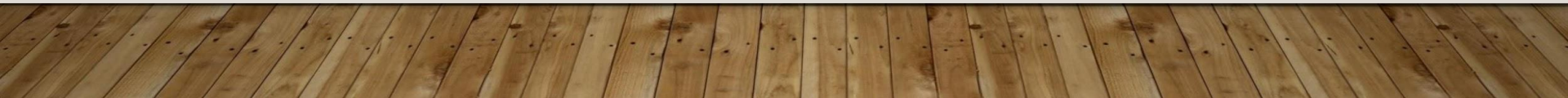
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Question: The Houston Chronicle reported that virtual students don't have to test this year. Isn't this a contradiction?

Answer: While TEA Commissioner, Mike Morath, did state that virtual students do not have take the STAAR Assessment this year, TEA does not determine graduation requirements.

Question: What happens if my child is in an EOC class and does not show up for testing?

They will sit for the exam in December when they are no longer in the class and receiving instruction.



# EOC Dates @ Heights

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English I: Tuesday, April 13

English II: Thursday, April 15

Algebra I: Tuesday, May 18

Biology: Wednesday, May 19

US History: Thursday, May 20

If your student doesn't show up on the designated testing date, they will be contacted by the school to schedule a make-up assessment.

# Safety Protocols for STAAR EOC Testing while on campus

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- On Testing Day only students testing will be on campus
- Heights can house 1002 students in a socially distanced setting for testing
- The largest testing group is approximately 800 students
- Students will be socially distanced in testing locations
- Masks must be worn appropriately at all times
- Desks are cleaned either the afternoon before or the morning of testing.
- Calculators will be sanitized prior to and after use



# Spring Final Exam Schedule Exemption Policies

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Attendance Requirements have been waived for final exam exemptions

**Senior Exemptions:** Seniors who have an 85 or higher and an S or E in conduct qualify for a final exam exemption.

**College Level Courses:** Students who take AP or IB courses who sit for the AP and/or IB exam in the same semester they are enrolled in the course may be exempt from the final if they have an 85 or higher in the course.

**All High School Courses:** Eligible grade 9 students may be allowed on spring final exam exemption. Grade 10 and 11 students may be allowed 2 spring exam exemptions. Eligible students must have a semester average of 85 or higher in the specific course where the exemption applies.



# Spring Final Exam Schedule

## Exemption Policies

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Students must still attend class the day of the final (whether virtual or face to face).

Students who do not attend class, will forfeit their exemption and receive a zero on the final.

# Exam Schedule

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Seniors: June 1 - June 4

Underclassmen: June 8 - 11

Graduation: June 11th at 8:00 p.m. at Delmar Stadium

# Course Request for 2021-2022

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Counselors currently calling students individually.

Freshman: Mrs. Hudson

Sophomores: Mrs. Moctezuma

Juniors: Ms. Agness

Incoming Freshman Meetings: Monday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 14

# Senior Activities

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Go Texan Day -- outside at Heights tentatively set for May 15

Senior Breakfast--outside week of June 7th

Senior Car Parade--TBD

# Summer School

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Week 1: Thursday - Friday, June 17 - June 18

Week 2: Monday - Thursday, June 21 - June 24

Week 3: Monday - Thursday, June 28 - July 1

Week 4: Tuesday - Thursday, July 6 - July 8

Week 5: Monday - Tuesday, July 12 - 13

Wednesday, June 16 is a teacher prep day

Monday, July 5th is a district holiday

Summer School will not follow the concurrent model of instruction that Heights currently uses.

- Virtual students will be scheduled with a virtual teacher.
- Face to face students will be scheduled with a face to face teacher.
- Choice remains throughout summer school session.