

SUPPORT HB 8: FORGING A NEW PATH FOR ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY

HB 8 creates a modern, student-centered assessment and accountability system that prioritizes learning, delivers timely and useful information, and strengthens public trust in Texas schools.

ELIMINATE STAAR

Retires the outdated assessment model and replaces it with a shorter, smarter, and more instructionally supportive system rooted in state academic standards.

FASTER RESULTS

Through-year assessments at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year provide scores within two business days, enabling immediate action to support student learning.

GREATER TRANSPARENCY

Ensures consistent, accessible performance data for parents, educators, and policymakers to guide improvement and support student growth.



STUDENTS: LESS TESTING, MORE TIME FOR LEARNING

Shorter assessments, later end-of-year testing windows, and the elimination of unnecessary benchmarks free up more time for high-quality instruction. HB 8 could cut testing by as much as 15-30 hours per student.



PARENTS: A COMPLETE PICTURE OF STUDENT PROGRESS

Fast results with personalized data, easy-to-use portals, and consistent performance information show parents where their child excels, where more support is needed, and how effectively their school is meeting those needs.



EDUCATORS: EDUCATOR-INFORMED DESIGN

A formal educator review process puts Texas teachers at the center of assessment design, ensuring every question is fair, on grade level, and valuable for guiding instruction.



BUSINESS & WORKFORCE: WORKFORCE-ALIGNED READINESS

Moves Texas toward stronger college, career, and military readiness indicators that reflect real-world opportunities, helping ensure schools prepare students for high-wage, high-skill jobs.



POLICYMAKERS & TAXPAYERS: CLEARER EVALUATION OF INVESTMENTS

Consistent annual ratings and assessment results allow the Legislature and taxpayers to monitor policy implementation, measure return on investment, and strengthen student achievement to position Texas as a national leader in public education.