HOUSE BILL 8

THE SST TESTING CALENDAR

STAAR CONTINUES THROUGH SPRING 2027 · SST BEGINS IN 2027–28

THE TIMELINE

1. **2026–27** — STAAR continues
2. **SPRING 2027** — Last STAAR, grades 3–8
3. **DEC 2027** — Last STAAR EOC
4. **2027–28** — SST begins

HOW LONG EACH TEST RUNS

GRADES 3–4

BOY / MOY	EOY
60 minutes	90 minutes

GRADES 5–8

BOY / MOY	EOY
75 minutes	105 minutes

These are **design targets** written into law — tests must be built so most students finish within these times.

WHEN STUDENTS TEST

BOY	Beginning of Year **Fourth Monday in August – September 30**
MOY	Middle of Year **January 2 – February 21**
EOY	End of Year **May 1 – May 30**
RLA	Writing component (the essay) **April 1 – April 15**

BOY and MOY are optional and are not used for accountability — the EOY is the one every eligible student takes. Optional BOY and MOY assessments for Algebra I, Biology, English I, and U.S. History follow these same windows.

Heads up: These windows and time limits come from **TEC §39.02301** and apply to SST beginning in **2027–28**. Nothing here changes this year's STAAR. The last STAAR is spring 2027 for grades 3–8 and December 2027 for EOC.

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