



Decker Prairie Elementary School
Dr. Jo Ann Colson
281-357-3134
jocolson@tomballisd.net
tomballisd.net

To: All Parents or Guardians

From: Decker Prairie Elementary School

Subject: **2018-2019 Explanation and Description of Assessments**

This letter informs you that The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires all Title I schools to provide to parents a description and explanation of the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress. Below are various assessments that Tomball ISD and its schools use throughout the year. In addition, local assessments that are used at <INSERT SCHOOL NAME> to measure student progress are also included at the end of this letter.

Students in grades 3-8 will participate in the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) exams. Students in each grade will be assessed in reading and mathematics. Additionally, students in grades 4 and 7 will be administered a writing exam, students in grades 5 and 8 will be given a science exam, and students in grade 8 will be given a social studies exam. High school student will participate in the STAAR End of Course (EOC) assessments. EOC exams include English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History.

STAAR Alternate 2 is designed to assess students in grades 3-8 and high school who have significant cognitive disabilities and are receiving special education services. The exams are administered at the same grade levels and course level as the STAAR.

IOWA is a norm-referenced achievement test that measures students' academic achievement in reading, writing, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Logramos is a norm-referenced achievement test for students whose primary language of instruction is Spanish. It measures students' academic achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System(TELPAS) is an assessment program for students who are learning the English Language. TELPAS assess English Language Learners (ELLS)



Decker Prairie Elementary School
Dr. Jo Ann Colson
281-357-3134
jocolson@tomballisd.net
tomballisd.net

To: All Parents or Guardians

From: Decker Prairie Elementary School

Subject: **2018-2019 Explanation of Tomball ISD Curriculum (continued)**

To find out more about STAAR and TELPAS, visit the Texas Education Agency's website at www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact your child's school and this information will be provided to you.

In addition to the assessments above, Decker Prairie Elementary School also uses the following assessment(s) to measure student progress:

Lead4Ward reports

Curriculum-based assessments

Formative assessments

Feel free to contact our school at 281-357-3134 or jocolson@tomballisd.net with any comments, questions and/or concerns regarding the Title I, Part A program.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jo Ann Colson, Principal