

Attention 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Parents

We have wonderful news and can't wait to tell you about it! The STAAR test will be taken online again this year and the following information is sure to be of GREAT benefit to your child!!!

The Texas Education Agency has provided a way for students to demonstrate their mastery of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) in a way that fits them best. Most students thrive on electronic platforms and use them to engage both at school and at home with the world around them. What better way to assess their learning than in a way in which they thrive! To become more familiar with the testing platform, and to help your child further prepare for the upcoming assessment, please visit the Texas Assessment website (https://www.texasassessment.gov). You and your child can even complete a practice test online to explore all of the different test question formats that will be experienced on the day of the actual test.



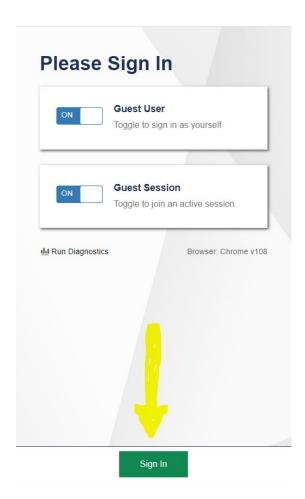
To get started, just click on the Students and Families tab from the top menu bar:



Then scroll down to the *How to Help Prepare Your Child* Section and click on the *Practice Tests Login*:



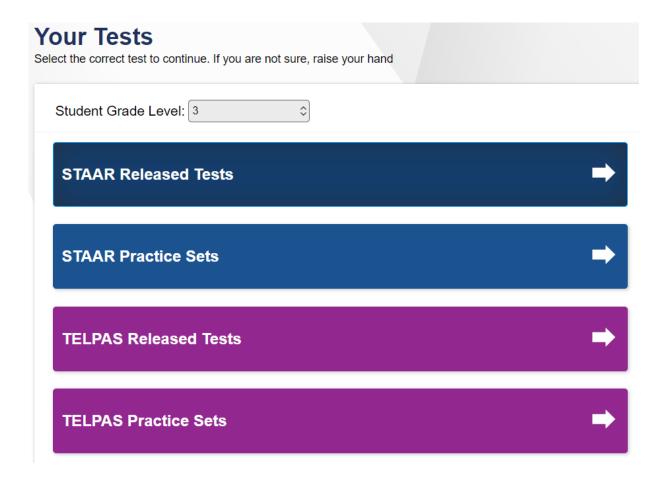
When this screen appears, just click Sign In (no need to change any of the settings):



Select your child's grade level using the dropdown menu arrows:



You'll see the following screen to help you start exploring:



Your child has been working with similar question types on the assessments that we've been taking at school, and should be able to help you navigate the practice tests when you're exploring them together.

Also to help you prepare for our campus STAAR Assessment administrations that will begin in April, please consider exploring acceptable snack options with your child. Students will be given a coffee filter on which to house their snack during testing, and should bring a snack that is able to **fit on the filter** without creating a messy work area. Snacks containing liquids and/or ingredients that may cause their hands to become sticky should be avoided. Examples of acceptable snacks include (but are not limited to): goldfish, teddy grahams, pretzels, etc.. Please do NOT send snacks such as candy, Cheetohs, Takis, fruit cups, etc.. Thanks in advance for partnering with us to ensure all of our Cheetahs are STAAR Ready!

