

Appendix H – Student Growth Measures

The student growth/progress measure provides information about the amount of improvement or growth that a student has made from year to year. For STAAR, progress is measured as a student's gain score, the difference between the score a student achieved in the prior year and the score a student achieved in the current year. Individual student progress is then categorized as Did Not Meet, Met, or Exceeded.

Student progress will be measured for students in grades 4 through high school in reading, mathematics, and writing. In 2013, progress measures are available for reading in grades 4–8, English I reading, and English II reading; for mathematics in grades 4–8 and Algebra I; and for writing in English II writing. Progress measures will be available for additional grades and courses in writing in future years.

A document that describes how to calculate a progress measure can be found at the following link on the Student Assessment website in the STAAR® General Resources section. Additionally, a [Questions and Answers](#) document on the progress measure is available at the same location.

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/>.

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