

**BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2010 - 2011**  
**EXPLANATION OF ASSESSMENTS**

**Stanford 10** – The Stanford 10 is a norm-referenced achievement battery. It measures student's school achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics, science, and social science.

**Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)** - The TAKS measures the statewide curriculum (TEKS) in reading at Grades 3-9; in writing at Grades 4 and 7; in English Language Arts at Grades 10 and 11; in mathematics in Grades 3-11; in science at Grades 5, 10, and 11; and social studies at Grades 8, 10, and 11. **Satisfactory performance on the EXIT Level TAKS in grade 11 is a prerequisite to obtain a high school diploma.**

**TAKS (Accommodated)** is for students served by Special Education who meet the eligibility requirements for certain specific accommodations.

**TAKS (Modified or TAKS – M)** is an alternative assessment based on modified academic achievement standards and is designed for Special Education students receiving Special Education services who meet participation requirements for TAKS-M and for whom TAKS is not appropriate.

**TAKS (Alternate or TAKS – Alt)** is an alternate assessment based on alternate academic achievement standards and is designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities who meet the participation requirements.

**Linguistically Accommodated testing (LAT)** is a special administration of TAKS for limited English proficient (LEP) exempt recent immigrants.

To find out more about the TAKS study guides and released tests, visit the Texas Education Agency's Web site at [www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment). If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Mr. Thornhill at school and this information will be provided to you.

**TELPAS** is designed to measure the English language proficiency of K – 12 English language Learners in four language areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

#### **Teacher Assessments**

Schedule of Major Tests

Monday – English, Communications, Fine Arts

Tuesday – Social Studies, Health/PE

Wednesday – Foreign Language

Thursday – Math

Friday – Science, Career and Technology

The schedule does not preclude the assigning of ordinary or daily homework or a short quiz on any other day of the week. Preparation of homework for each subject should require, normally, not more than thirty minutes per day. Projects and tests normally need more than one night to prepare and plan for.

#### **College Preparatory Assessments**

**PSAT** – This is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT. It also gives a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation scholarship programs. This is mandatory for tenth graders.

**SAT** - This test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. This is the accepted college entry exam at most colleges.

**ACT** – This test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.

**IB** – Six exams over the course of two years are required for the IB Diploma. There are many specifics as to the level of the exam and when the student tests.

**AP** - A set of courses and end-of-year exams designed to offer college-level material to high school students, mainly juniors and seniors, many of which can result in college credit. Each college determines its own credit award policy.