

BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL
2009-2010
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. Stanford 10 assesses skills based on the second half of a given school year and into the first half of the next school year.

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) – As mandated by the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) was administered beginning in the 2002-2003 school year. 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 TAKS at Grade 11 is prerequisite to obtain a high school diploma.**

Reading Proficiency Tests in English (RPTE) – These tests are designed to measure annual growth in the English reading proficiency of second language learners, and are used along with English and Spanish TAKS to provide a comprehensive assessment system for limited English proficient (LEP) students. LEP students in Grades 3-12 are required to take the RPTE until they achieve a rating of advanced.

Campus Report Card – By law schools must provide a Campus Report card each year to parents, each report card contains the following information:

- academic excellence indicators (AEIS, including TAKS results and dropout rates),
- student/teacher ratios,
- administrative instructional costs per student,
- disaggregated data on student academic achievement,
- the school’s performance.

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.