

BE A MATH STAAR

No one can score a home run—in life or on the field—without the help of a superstar team.

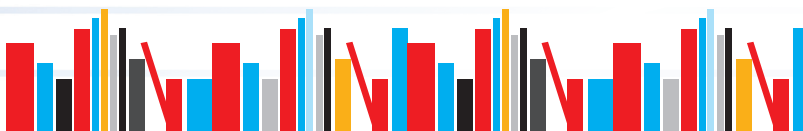
To help every Texas student become a Math STAAR, we talked to expert Texas educators to find out the ways that teachers, parents and students can hit a home run on this year's STAAR test.

THE “COACH”

Great teachers coach their students to success by teaching them essential skills in addition to the All-Star learning strategies that lead to success. Here are our top five coaching tips to help your students master the STAAR:

1. Focus on the TEKS as you plan lessons.

The STAAR test has been carefully aligned to match the TEKS for each level, so print off a list of the TEKS for your course level and check off each skill as your students gain mastery.



2. Use classroom materials that were created for Texas classrooms.

While there are millions of great teaching resources available, by choosing classroom resources that focus on Texas classrooms and the STAAR test, you cater your student's learning to the assessment process.

3. Use TEKS-related academic language in class.

The phrasing of the questions on the STAAR test matches the phrasing of the TEKS—so when you're in class, do your best to phrase in-class questions and assignments in a similar manner.



5. Have a verb of the week.

Post a math-related verb—like evaluate, distinguish, explain or calculate—in your classroom each week and teach your students to recognize how to solve problems that contain these words.

4. Pump up the test.

When talking to your students about the STAAR test, frame it in a way that helps the students see it as an opportunity to show off their stellar skills.

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