

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 CHEERING SECTION

When it comes to testing, parents serve not only as their kid's cheerleaders, but also as study partners, assistant coaches and snack coordinators. Here's what you can do to help cheer your kid on to victory:



1. Ask your child's teacher about at-home guides.

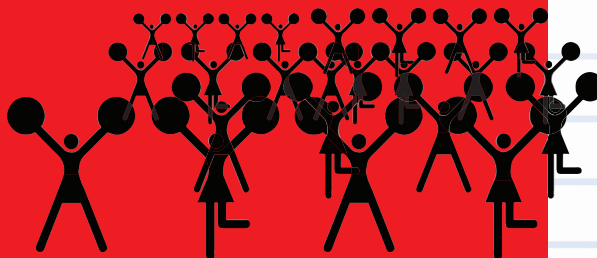
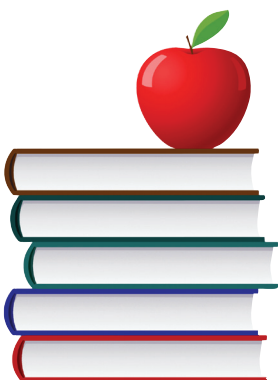
If you'd like to help your student prepare for the STAAR test at home, ask his or her teacher to give you a list of STAAR-specific resources that your kid can use to practice at home. Here are some great ones from HMH-Riverside: <http://www.riversidepublishing.com/testprep/>

2. Encourage your student to read.

Kids who have strong vocabulary skills tend to perform better on standardized testing—even in subjects like math.

3. Stay on top of homework. If you notice your student struggling on a specific concept as they work at home, immediately request tutoring from the teacher.

4. Practice healthy habits. Make sure your student has a healthy breakfast each morning and pack a healthy lunch to help get him through the day.



5. Be your kid's #1 fan. Make sure your kids know that there will always be someone in their cheering section holding a big foam finger and cheering loud.

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