



Texas Formative Assessment Resource Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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SECTION B: GENERAL QUESTIONS

Question B-1

What is the Texas Formative



Question C-6

Are simple/embedded entry items (ECR, SCR) graded in TFAR?

No. Simple/embedded entry items are hand graded in the Centralized Reporting System (CRS). After logging into CRS and accessing *Authoring* in the dashboard, select the yellow *Tests To Score* at the top of the screen. A chart will pop up



SECTION D: TFAR TESTS

Question D-1

Can a formative assessment be created that combines STAAR Released and Teacher Authored Items?

Yes, when creating a test, items from any item bank can be used.

Question D-2

Can access to the Open Educator Resources Amplify RLA and Eureka Math TEKS edition curriculum items or assessments occur through TFAR?

No. Items or assessments from the Open Educator Resources (OER) curriculum are not available in the TFAR system. However, the assessments CAN be viewed by educators through the *OER-Assessment Viewing Application (AVA)* under *Prepare for Testing* on [TexasAssessment.gov](https://www.texasassessment.gov). In addition, student facing versions can also be found within TDS or the Data Entry Interface (DEI).

Question D-3

Can an assessment be printed?

Yes. Within the *Test Actions* menu ("...") select *Build Booklet*. You can preview and generate a PDF of a student and/or a teacher edition of the assessment. Complete all information in each section and select *Generate PDF*. The

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[Question D-9](#)

How can I share a common assessment to be administered on my campus?

After publishing an assessment:

1. Select _____ in the assessment's test actions.
2. Choose *Share to TDS* as the sharing destination.
3. Search and select recipients.
4. Set dates for the *Test Window*.
5. Select *SAVE*. This will populate your test based on your scheduled test window in TDS for your recipients. The end date in the test window will also remove the assessment from TDS.

[Question D-10](#)

What calculators are available in TFAR?

TFAR contains state approved Desmos® and Texas Instruments® basic, graphing, and scientific calculators. Prior to publishing a test, users will be able to select calculator options, including calculator sets that match those available on STAAR. Note, selected calculators will be available to ALL students taking the assessment. If only specific students need a basic calculator as part of their required accommodations, student **MUST** still be provided one.

SECTION E: TIDE ACCOMMODATIONS AND TFAR

[Question E-1](#)

How are item specific student accommodations in TIDE pulled into TFAR assessments?

When setting the *Test Properties* for a TFAR assessment, *TDS Student View* templates are available under the *TDS Student View* 09 Tw ()Tj0.023j0rb



Question F-4

Can TFAR items and/or assessments be shared with other people?

Yes, you can share your TFAR authored items and assessments with other educators, and with a group of educators in your workgroups. Sharing items and tests gives permission for a selected co-author to edit the content, use the content for themselves, or administer your original tests to their students. User permissions are set prior to sharing.

SECTION G: TFAR AND CRS

Question G-1

What reports on TFAR student performance are available?

CRS will display district-, campus-, roster-, student-, and item-level reports for all assessments including TFAR. Users can filter results by specific student demographics. This feature displays the student's score, the student's



[Question H-5](#)

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Are there office hours available for direct one to one assistance.?

Yes. Use this [online booking link](#) to schedule a 30-min TEAMS meeting.

[Question H-6](#)

Where can I find a Cambium Help Guide for TFAR?

You can access it [here](#) or after logging into TFAR, the "Help" link is in the upper right corner.