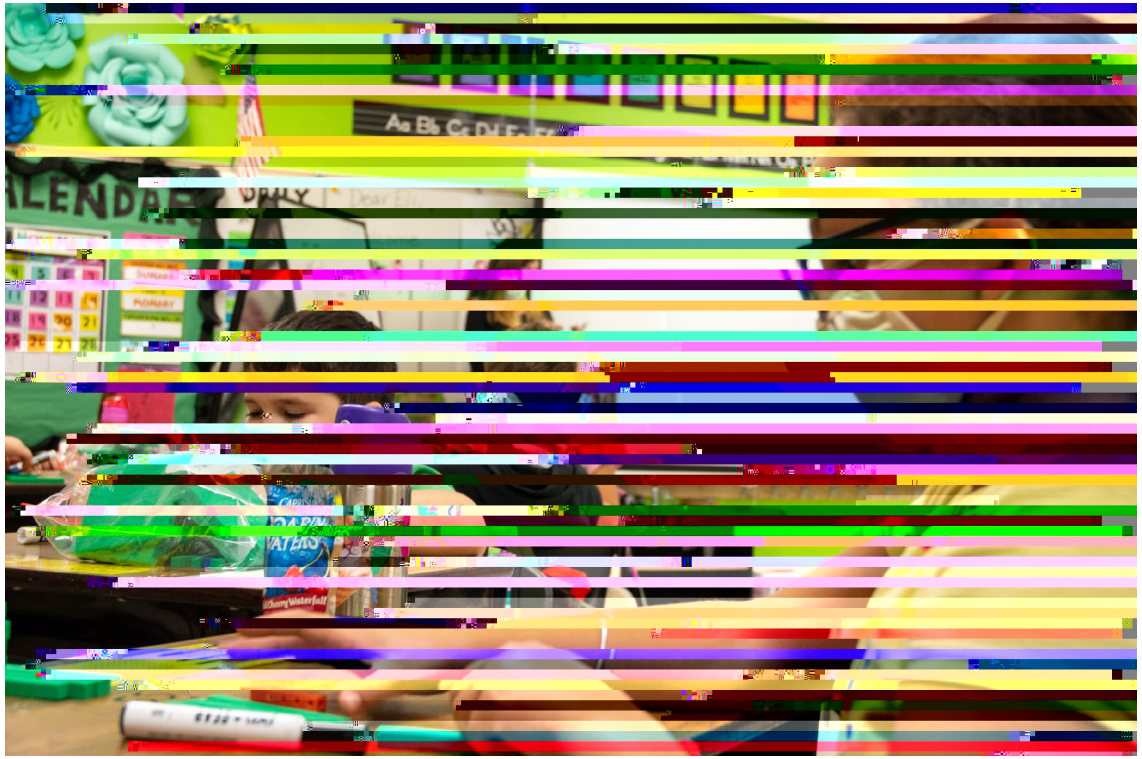
Accelerating learning continues to be as important as ever and educators are doing incredible and difficult work

- Students have unprecedented needs
- The daily work of operations is consuming an outsized share of time and energy
- Efforts to improve alignment will help improve our ability to accelerate learning



Changes are coming to help improve alignment

Classroom practices that over-use multiple choice questions, rely on only short reading passages, and limit student writing can get small, short-term gains on STAAR, but evidence has shown they don't lead to high performance or long-term student mastery

Strong instructional practices lead to increased student understanding and stronger performance on STAAR

It is possible for the state summative assessment to be designed so that it better aligns with strong instructional practices, while still accurately measuring student mastery

Type	What	When	Why
	Measure student	Prior to	