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The Texas Political Landscape: What should advocates expect?

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POLITICS // ELECTION 2024

Texas House Republicans are being targeted with misleading ads on teacher pay, school funding

By **Jasper Scherer**, Austin Bureau
Feb 14, 2024

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NEWS

Advocates of school choice pour campaign contributions into Texas

In 2021-22, PACs pushing for school choice funneled at least \$4.5 million in state elections, compared with \$1.4 million spent by three leading teacher groups.

The Dallas Morning News

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott gets \$6M campaign donation from out-of-state school voucher champion

The Texas Newsroom | By **Lauren McGaughy**
Published January 16, 2024 at 5:05 PM CST

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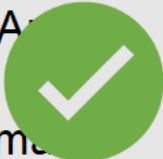














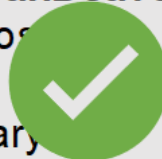

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott spending \$19 million to take down anti-voucher Republicans

Abbott's voucher proposal went down in flames after 21 House Republicans, mostly from rural districts, voted to pull it from a major education bill.

By **Sanford Nowlin** on Thu, Jan 11, 2024 at 11:36 am

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CURRENT

May Runoff Results

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Contract with Texas

To Reform the House of Representatives and Select a Real Republican Speaker

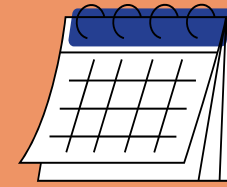
To keep the promises we've made to Texas voters we, the undersigned, expect the next Speaker of the House to advance the cause of liberty and adhere, at a minimum, to the following reforms to improve the integrity, transparency, and efficiency of the House:

1. Only solicit support for Speakership from Republican members
2. End the practice of awarding Democrats with committee chairmanships
3. Ensure all GOP legislative priorities receive a floor vote before any Democrat bills
4. Replace the current liberal Parliamentarians with staff committed to only offering advice on adherence to House rules, not to advancing their personal ideology
5. Limit the Speaker to two terms to reduce their power over individual members
6. Ensure there are no longer any Democrat-majority committees
7. Stop parliamentary abuse by requiring only substantial adherence to House rules to keep hyper-technical points of order from killing good legislation
8. Allow audio/video recording of all House proceedings, including point of order debates
9. Start substantive work as soon as Session begins to end delays that kill priority legislation
10. Reform the Calendars Committee to increase transparency and accountability
11. Select a Republican as Speaker Pro Tempore
12. Decentralize power by prohibiting the distribution of political funds from the Speaker

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Important Dates



General Election
November 5

Bill Filing Begins
November 11

89th Legislative Session
January 14

Bill Filing Ends
March 14

Regular Session Ends
June 2

Most New Laws Take Effect
September 1

Heading into the 89th...



Possible Speaker Dade Phelan

- Uncertain Speaker position
- Committee Chair shake up
- Minimum of 32 new members
- 90 General Election Races



Governor Greg Abbott

- Will likely declare “education freedom” a 911 item
- Has said districts are hurting financially due to mismanaging ESSER funds and drops in enrollment



Lt. Governor Dan Patrick

- Endorsed Speaker Phelan’s opponent
- Supports teacher pay raises
- 20 Senators definitely returning
- 1 new senator (Houston)
- 11 General Election races

Senate Committee on Education

Brandon Creighton (Chair)
Donna Campbell (Vice-Chair)



Paul Bettencourt

Brian Birdwell

Pete Flores

Phil King

Morgan LaMantia

José Menéndez

Mayes Middleton

Tan Parker

Angela Paxton

Drew Springer

Royce West



House Committee on Public Education

Brad Buckley (Chair)
Alma Allen (Vice-Chair)

Steve Allison

Charles Cunningham
Harold Dutton
Cody Harris
Brian Harrison
Cole Hefner
Gina Hinojosa
Oscar Longoria
Matt Schaefer



Emerging Policy Issues:

Assessments & Accountability



Data Dive

How are Texas students doing?





2024 STAAR Results

Updated June 2024



All Elementary and Secondary Student Results, 2019-2024

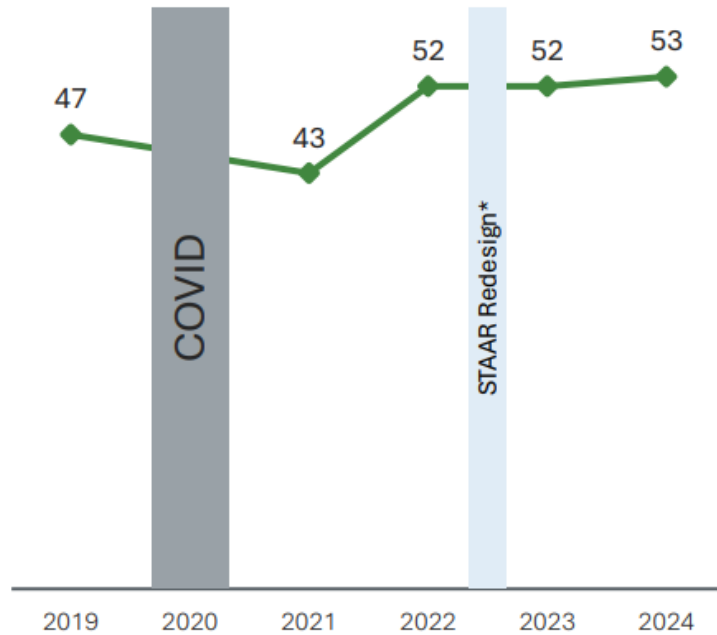


Overall RLA – Grades 3-8, English I & II

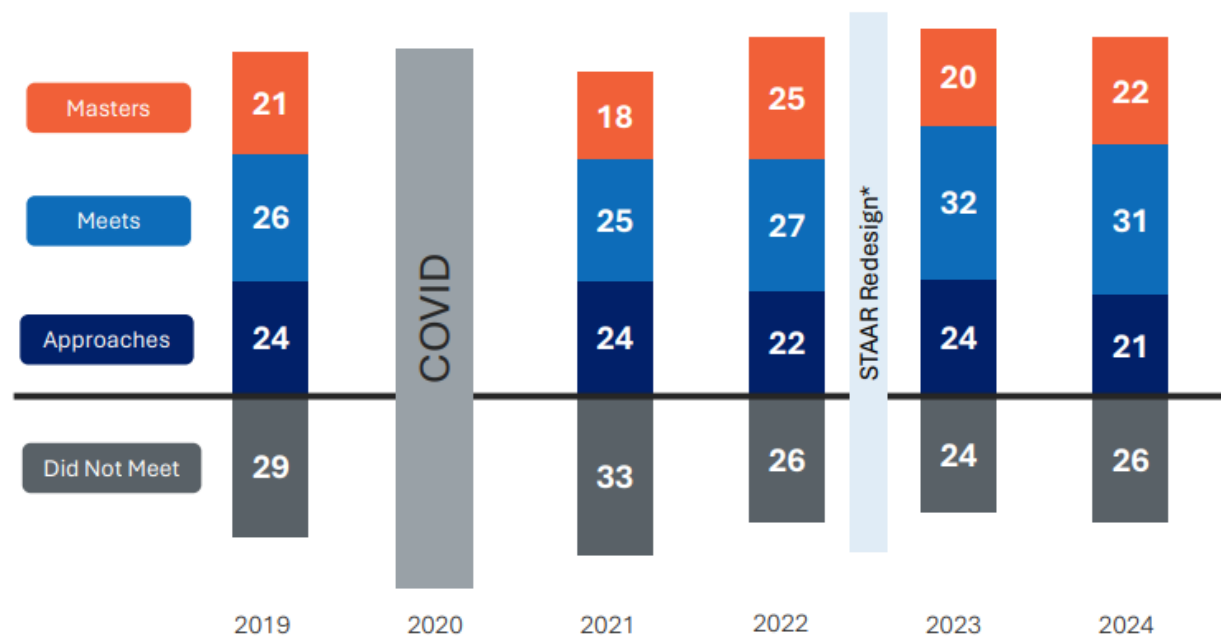


ALL

Percent of Students that Met Grade Level or Above in RLA
(Grades 3-8, English I & II)



Percent of Students by Performance Level – RLA
(Grades 3-8, English I & II)



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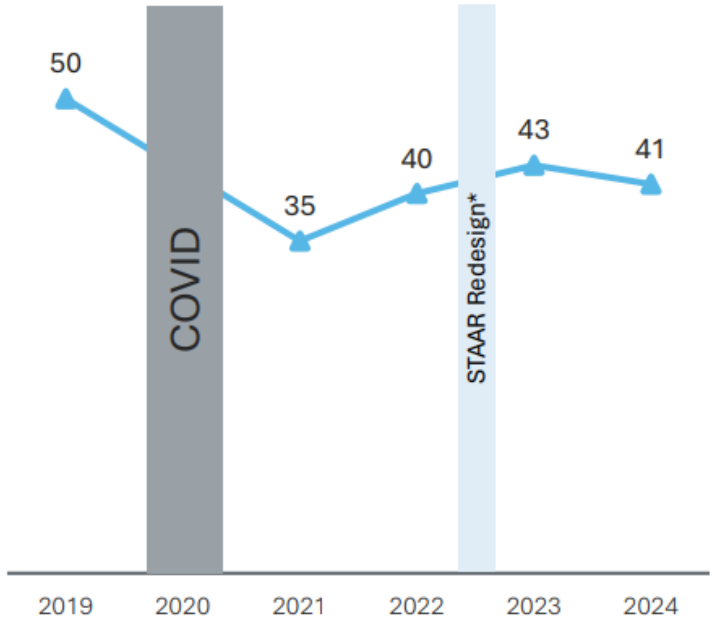
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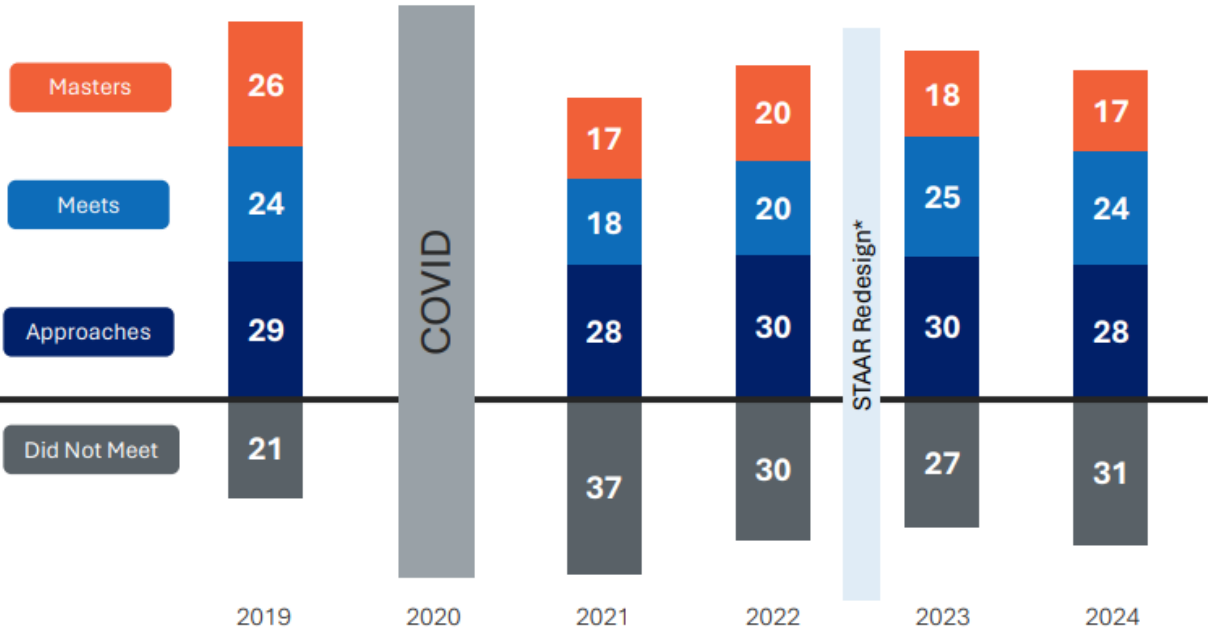
Overall Math - Grades 3-8 and Algebra I



Percent of Students that Met Grade Level or Above in Math (Grades 3-8 & Algebra I)



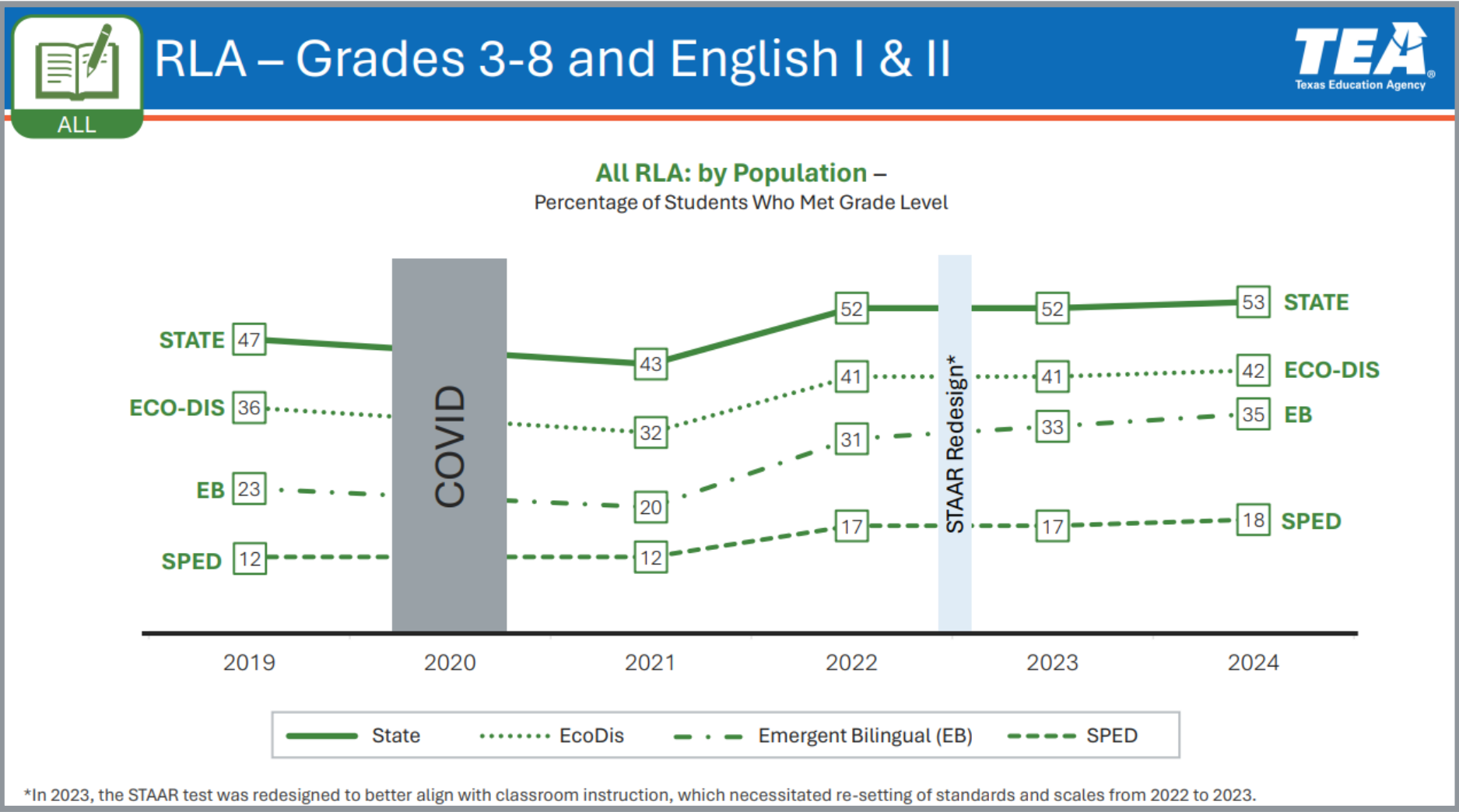
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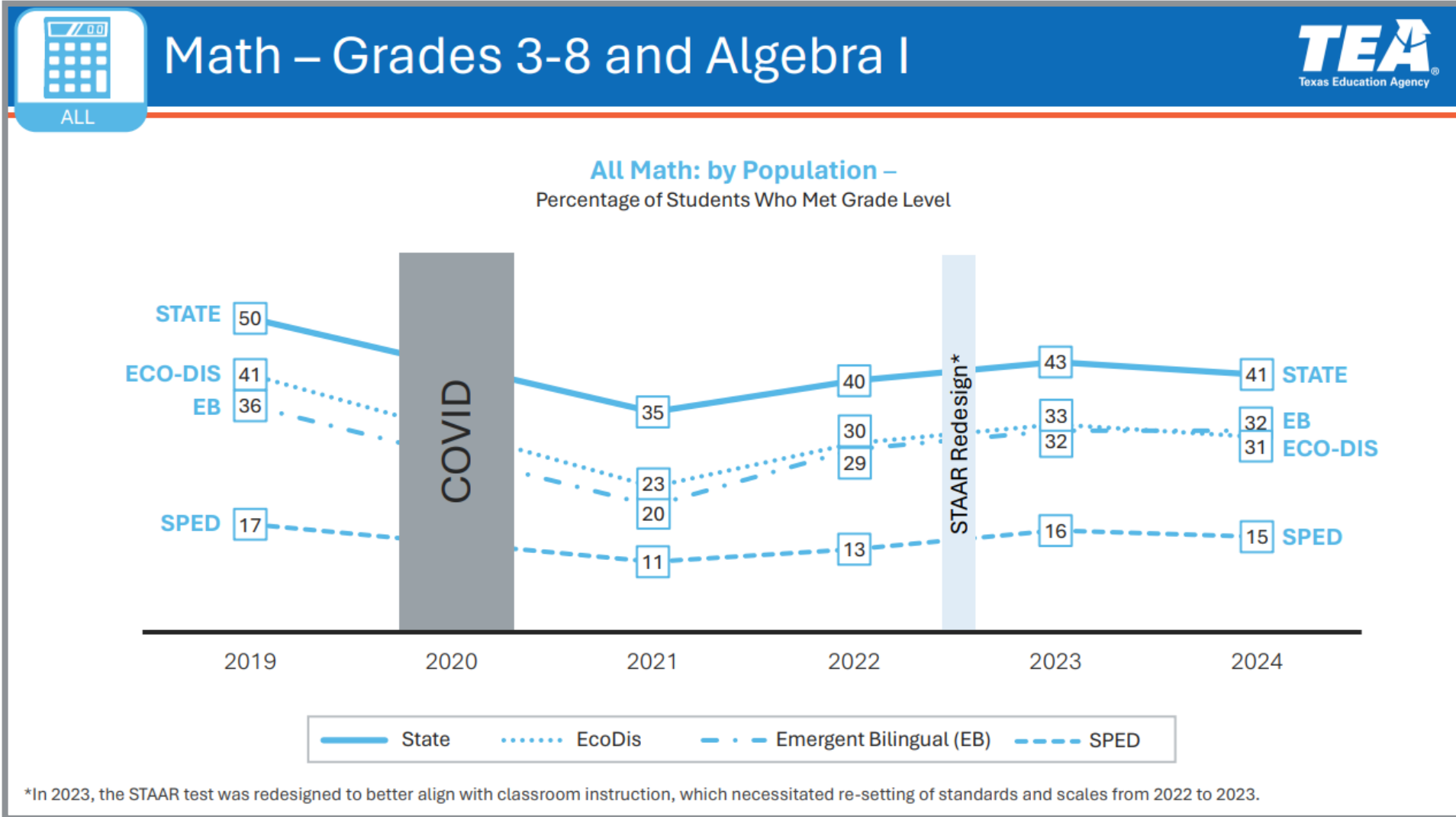
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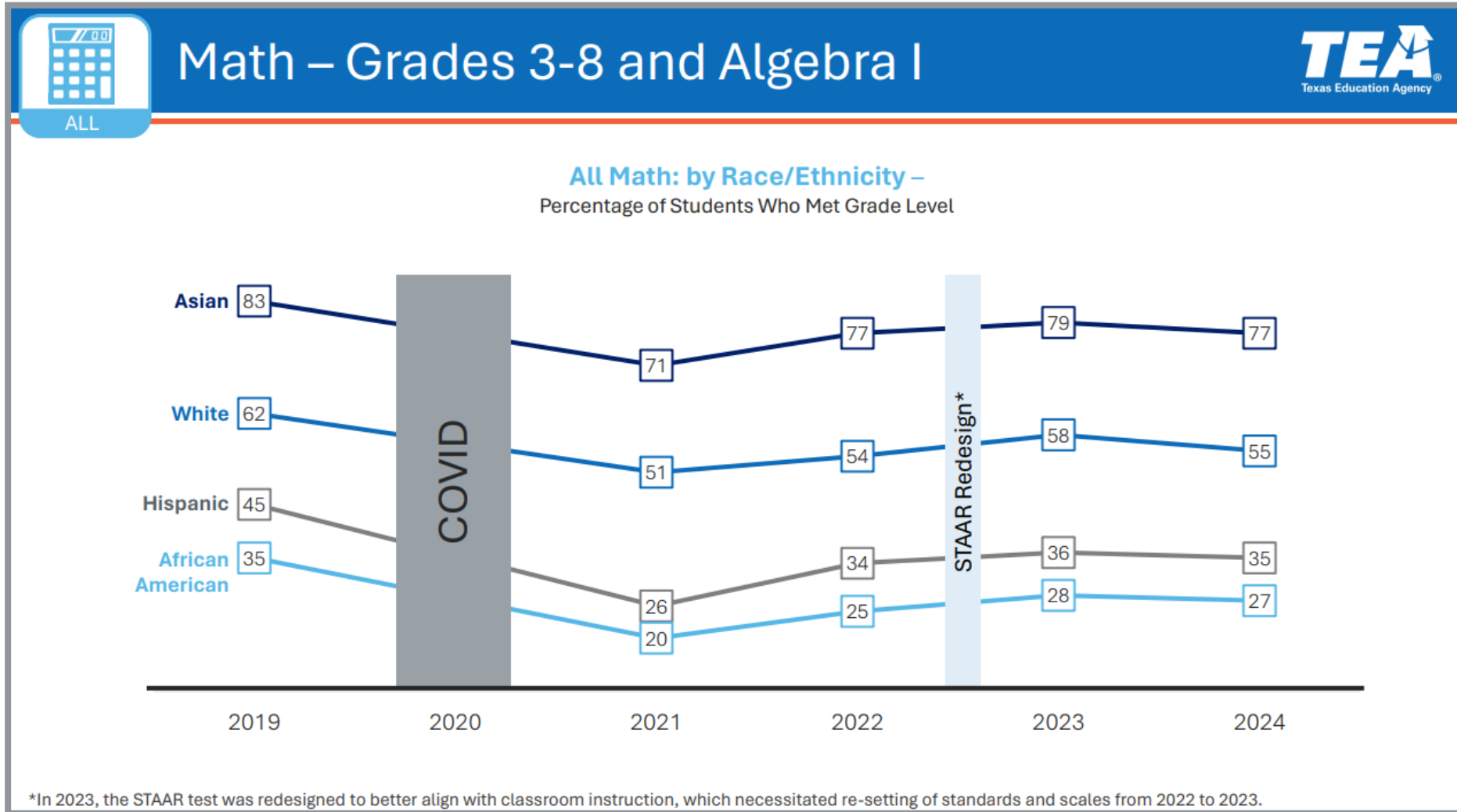
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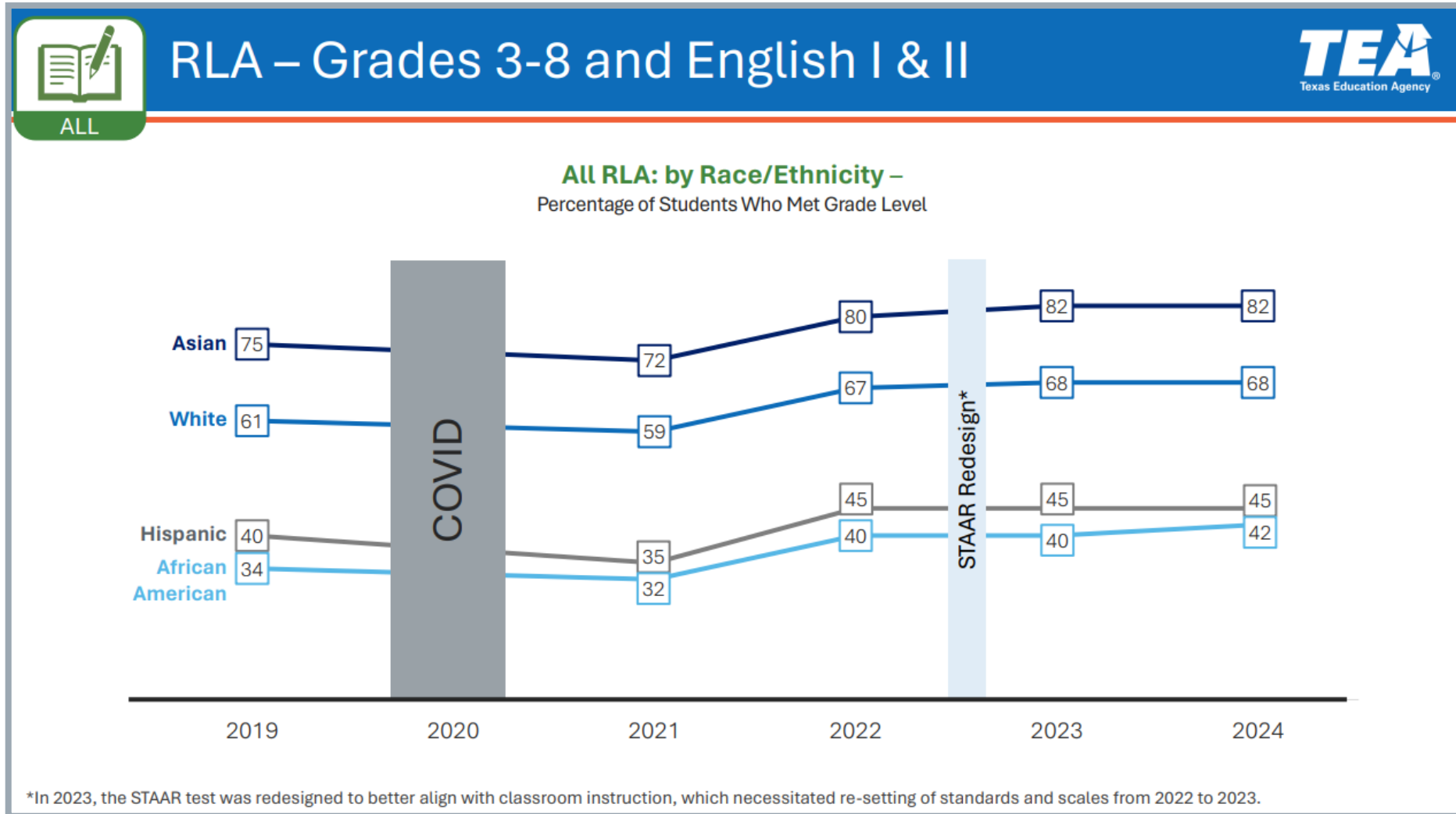
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Broken Down by Ethnicity



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Dan Patrick

Lieutenant Governor of Texas
President of the Senate

2024 Interim Legislative Charges:

“Testing Reform: Review the state's current development and phase-in of the STAAR test redesign and ongoing innovative assessment reforms, including the Texas Through-Year Assessment Pilot (TTAP). Recommend ways to accelerate current testing improvement efforts and the development of a real-time testing program that meets the educational needs of Texas students.”

INTERIM COMMITTEE CHARGES

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

88TH LEGISLATURE



No assessment/accountability related interim charges

Texas Through-Year Assessment Pilot (TTAP)



The Texas Through-year Assessment Pilot is exploring whether Texas's current summative assessment can be replaced with a cohesive progress monitoring system that generates a cumulative score.



House Bill 3906, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019, required the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to develop and pilot an innovative, through-year assessment model as a possible replacement of the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]) summative tests.

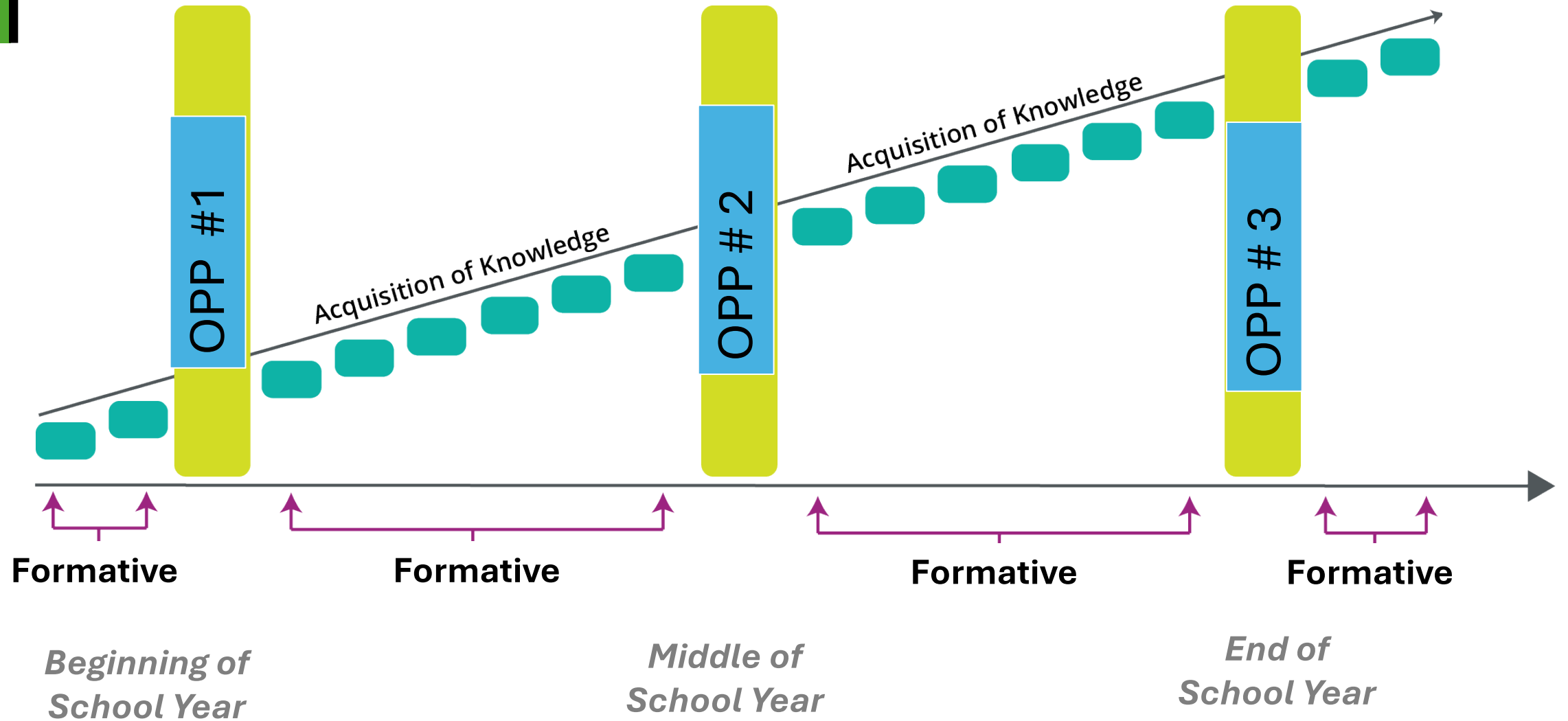


A through-year assessment model refers to a progress monitoring system that provides students multiple opportunities throughout the school year to demonstrate their mastery of standards and to contribute to their summative performance level reported at the end of the year.



TTAP is a multi-year, fully online pilot that launched in the 2022–2023 school year. The model is being piloted over several years to assess its benefits and to ensure that the design maintains the rigorous level of validity and reliability that STAAR currently meets.

Through-Year Assessment Progression



- Accountability standards for College, Career and Military Readiness
 - Potential for re-filed legislation:
 - HB 2040 (Buckley)*
 - SB 1234 (Flores)*
 - HB 4795 (Thimmesch)*
- Current environment around industry certifications (ie floral design)
- Outcome metric for Military Readiness
 - Potential shift to TFAR?

Quick review:

Advocacy Dos and Don'ts for Texas Public Schools

- All public school employees (with limited exceptions in senior leadership) can, in their own time, using their own resources, advocate for or against or endorse any measure, candidate, or legislation.
- Public school employees cannot use their school capacity or any school resource or work time to advocate for or against or endorse specific ballot initiatives, candidates or political parties. Use of school resources includes equipment, technology, facilities, and e-mail accounts.
- Endorsing or persuading people to vote for or against a specific measure, candidate, or political party is strictly prohibited in an employee's official capacity.
- Voter registration and/or voter mobilization efforts based on a single side of a policy issue or political ideology is prohibited.
- All activities must be conducted without bias for or against a specific candidate, piece of legislation, or party.

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QUESTIONS?



Let's Partner!

- **Strong Foundations Planning**
- **Strong Foundations Implementation**
- **Research-Based Instructional Strategies PD**
- Academic Data Reviews
- Risk Load Analysis
- Staffing Studies
- Curriculum Review Services
- SPED Program Review Services
- Inside Accountability
- Texas Assessment Conference
- Texas Legislative Session bill tracking, analysis and implementation support



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Our Process

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- ✓ Communications Planning
- ✓ Collective Learning
- ✓ Framework Development & Implementation

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