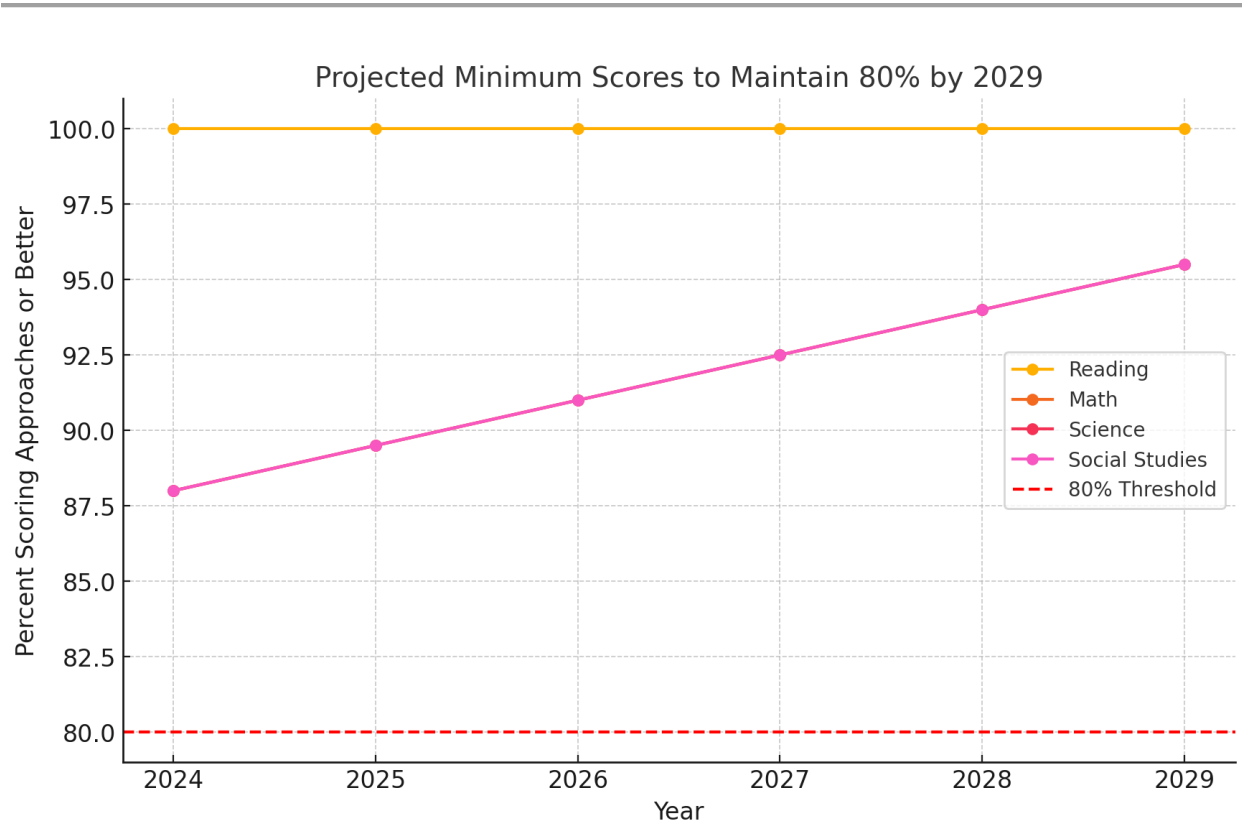


8th Grade College and Career Readiness Plan: STAAR Test Focus

Plan Objective

To achieve 80% of 8th-grade students meeting or exceeding the “Approaches” standard on the STAAR test in **Math, Reading, Social Studies, and Science** over the next 5 years.



STAAR Minimum Score Plan to Reach 80% Approaches or Better in All Subjects for 2024- 2029

Starting Data in 2024

- **Reading: 100%**
- **Math: 88%**
- **Science: 88%**
- **Social Studies: 88%**

Currently we have exceeded our goal in all subjects.

Key Components

1. Intensive STAAR-Aligned Academic Support

- **Data-Driven Instruction:**
 - Conduct **baseline assessments** at the beginning of the year to identify strengths and gaps in Math, Reading, Social Studies, and Science.
 - Use benchmark tests every six weeks to monitor progress and adjust instruction.
 - **Targeted Tutorials:**
 - Offer **small-group, STAAR-focused tutorials** during and after school for students below proficiency.
 - Provide STAAR-specific problem-solving strategies for each subject.
 - **Intervention Periods:**
 - Allocate a daily intervention/enrichment block for personalized remediation and acceleration.
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2. Curriculum Alignment and Pacing

- **TEKS Alignment:**
 - Ensure every lesson aligns directly with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards tested on STAAR.
 - **Vertical Alignment:**
 - Collaborate with 7th-grade teachers to address any knowledge gaps early.
 - Focus on cross-disciplinary skills such as reading comprehension in science and social studies.
 - **Pacing Plans:**
 - Develop a clear STAAR-prep calendar that includes test-taking strategies and practice assessments.
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3. Teacher Training and Support

- **Professional Development:**
 - Train teachers on data analysis to tailor lessons to student needs.
 - Focus on strategies for engaging students in higher-order thinking and test-taking techniques.
- **Instructional Coaching:**
 - Weekly coaching for teachers in core subjects to refine STAAR-aligned instruction.
- **Collaborative Planning:**
 - Host bi-weekly planning meetings to share resources and discuss best practices.

4. Student Engagement and Ownership

- **Goal Setting:**
 - Each student sets specific STAAR score goals and tracks their progress through data folders.
- **Motivational Programs:**
 - Recognize growth and success through assemblies, certificates, and incentives.

5. Parent and Community Involvement

- **Parent Workshops:**
 - Offer sessions to help parents understand STAAR expectations and provide strategies to support learning at home.
- **Community Partnerships:**
 - Partner with local organizations to provide tutoring or resources for STAAR readiness such as Sylvan Learning.

6. Practice and Test Preparation

- **STAAR Practice Tests:**
 - Administer at least three full-length STAAR practice exams throughout the year.
- **Skill-Specific Drills:**
 - Weekly practice on STAAR-question formats, such as multi-step math problems or text analysis.
- **Online Resources:**
 - Use STAAR-specific online platforms for homework and additional practice.

Metrics of Success

- **Academic Achievement:**
 - At least 80% of students achieve “Approaches” or higher in all four STAAR subject areas.
- **Growth:**
 - Monitor improvement in students scoring “Did Not Meet” from baseline to end-of-year performance.
- **Engagement:**
 - 90% or more of students participate in at least one targeted STAAR intervention or enrichment program.