STAAR
Grade 3 Reading Test Design
(English and Spanish)

BASE TEST

4–5 SINGLE SELECTIONS
(DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH)

40 TOTAL MC ITEMS

FIELD TEST

SINGLE SELECTION

8 MC ITEMS EMBEDDED

GENRES ASSESSED:
LITERARY
- FICTION
- LITERARY NONFICTION
- POETRY
- MEDIA LITERACY (EMBEDDED)

INFORMATIONAL
- EXPOSITORY
- PROCEDURAL (EMBEDDED)
- MEDIA LITERACY (EMBEDDED)

TOTAL READING LOAD:
BASE TEST APPROX. 2,700 WORDS MAXIMUM
FIELD TEST APPROX. 700 WORDS MAXIMUM

(LENGTH OF SELECTIONS MAY VARY; READING LOAD IS CONSTANT)