

Dear Mustang parents and Guardians,

You are cordially invited to a STAAR Testing Information Night on February 15th at 5:30 p.m.

FROM TAKS TO STAAR

What will the new STAAR test mean for 7th – 9th grade students at Meadowland Charter School?

STAAR, the State of Texas Academic Assessment of Readiness, replaces the TAKS test for all 3rd through 9th graders in Texas. This new rigorous test is already changing what is happening in our classrooms and will change how many Meadowland Charter School students will be assessed in the spring of this year.

Changes include:

- ☆ Increases in test difficulty with a focus on College Readiness
- ☆ Increases in the number of test items
- ☆ Addition of a new, four-hour time limit on tests
- ☆ Increases in the number of open-ended questions on math and science
- ☆ In 7th grade, three essays required over a two-day testing period
- ☆ Twelve End of Course test required at high school
- ☆ EOC test impacts course grade and graduation

Meadowland charter School would like to inform our parents concerning this new testing and answer questions. Please join us for a STAAR Information Night Wednesday evening, February 15th at 5:30pm –High School Computer Lab. Snacks will be provided.