



Port Neches-Groves ISD offers a broad selection of academic courses and electives. In addition to the core academic coursework, electives allow students to grow in foreign languages, the arts, and in other subjects. A special education program is available for students who need additional assistance, and ESL (English as a Second Language) is available to help students for whom English is not the primary language.

TEKS Information

The [Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills \(TEKS\)](#), comprise the state-mandated curriculum guidelines that establish what every student, from elementary through high school, should know and be able to do. They were developed to comply with 28.002(c) and (d) of the Texas Education Code.

TAKS Information

The [Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills \(TAKS\)](#) is a standardized test used to assess students' attainment of skills in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). TAKS has been developed to better reflect good instructional practice and more accurately measure student learning.

End-of-Course (EOC) Exams

With Senate Bill 1031 in Spring 2007, Texas legislators repealed TAKS in favor of [End-of-Course](#) exams in high school. Students who enter ninth grade in 2011-2012 school year will have to take end-of-course exams in core subjects. Students who entered ninth grade before 2011 will still have to pass the exit level TAKS to graduate.

STAAR Information

The [State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness \(STARR\)](#) will replace the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) which is the criterion-references assessment program that has been in place since 2003. STAAR includes the 12 end-of-course (EOC) assessments mandated by SB 1031 in 2007 and the new grade 3-8 assessments mandated by HB 3 in 2009. The new tests will be implemented in the 2011-2012 school year.