

UT Dallas Teacher Development Center

TEXES Exam Study Guide

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FREE: Passage Exam Preparation, Pedagogy & Professional Responsibility (PPR) Preparation Modules [TEXES™ Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities \(PPR\) \(160\) - Passage Preparation](#)

FREE: Texas Education Agency (TEA) Test Framework and Manuals for all tests: www.tx.nesinc.com

FREE: TEA STR Test: Additional information and manual available at www.tea.texas.gov/str

Other Resources:

- Learning Liaisons (has PACT) www.TheLearningLiaisons.com
- Certify Teacher www.certifyteacher.com
Guaranteed to pass the real test or your money back!
- Pass the TEXES, www.passthetexes.com
- TEXES Flashcard Study System, www.flashcardsecrets.com/texas
- TEXES Secrets Study Guide, www.mo-media.com/texas
- 240 Tutoring, www.240tutoring.com
- Ultimate Guide to the Generalist EC-6, www.ultimatetexesguide.com
- T-CERT TEXES Certification Review for Teachers <https://pact.tarleton.edu/tcert/>

STR Resources to assist with terminology and practice:

- Getting to Know the Science of Teaching and Reading, <https://www.zaner-bloser.com/science-of-reading-resource-hub.php>
- STR Practice Questions & review videos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55_Nv9CE_3Q
- Constructed Response Example & Practice: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dmSywt4w74>

Test Taking Tips

Right Before the Test...

...You should try to do the following:

- ✓ Get at least 8 hours of sleep each night during the week leading up to the test.
- ✓ Eat a nutritious breakfast the morning of your test.
- ✓ If you are particularly sensitive to the effects of caffeine, monitor your consumption.
- ✓ Bring any necessary paperwork with you to the test, as indicated when you registered, such as a photo ID with signature and the registration forms.
- ✓ If you are supposed to bring supplies then make sure you have plenty of sharpened pencils, erasers, and scratch paper.
- ✓ Complete a few warm-up questions the morning of the test, allowing yourself to get into test-taking mode.

Tips for During the Test...

- ✓ Read the directions *carefully*, making certain that you understand exactly what is expected.
- ✓ Read each question *carefully* and note key words and phrases so you only have to read the question once.
- ✓ Always read multiple-choice questions cautiously. First pause and try to predict the correct answer before looking at the answer options.
- ✓ Do not read into the question what is not there.
- ✓ If you are still unsure about the correct answer, reread the question and try to eliminate one or two choices that are clearly wrong so you can make an educated guess.
- ✓ Budget your time, allowing yourself enough time to answer all parts of the test.
- ✓ Pace yourself and work carefully; do not allow yourself to become stuck on any one question.
- ✓ Remember that all tests are timed, even those with accommodations.
- ✓ Use all the allotted test time if you need to. There is no prize for finishing before the time limit runs out.
- ✓ If you have time left over, avoid changing answers because it is more likely that you will make the wrong choice. Keep in mind that, for some tests, you cannot go back once you've locked in your answer.

After the Test:

- ✓ Reward yourself for completing the test.
- ✓ If you feel you did not do as well as you would have liked, give yourself sufficient time to relax and regroup before planning your next attempt.
- ✓ Assess what you think you may be able to do more efficiently.
- ✓ Worrying and stressing about your scores until they arrive will not alter the outcome—so, take a deep breath and go about your daily routine.