

Strand	Number of Questions *	Number of Points **
Biological Structures, Functions, and Processes	4 or 8	8 or 16
Mechanisms of Genetics	4 or 8	8 or 16
Biological Evolution	4 or 8	8 or 16
Interdependence within Environmental Systems	4 or 8	8 or 16
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>

*Sub-scores will not be reported for the Strands.*

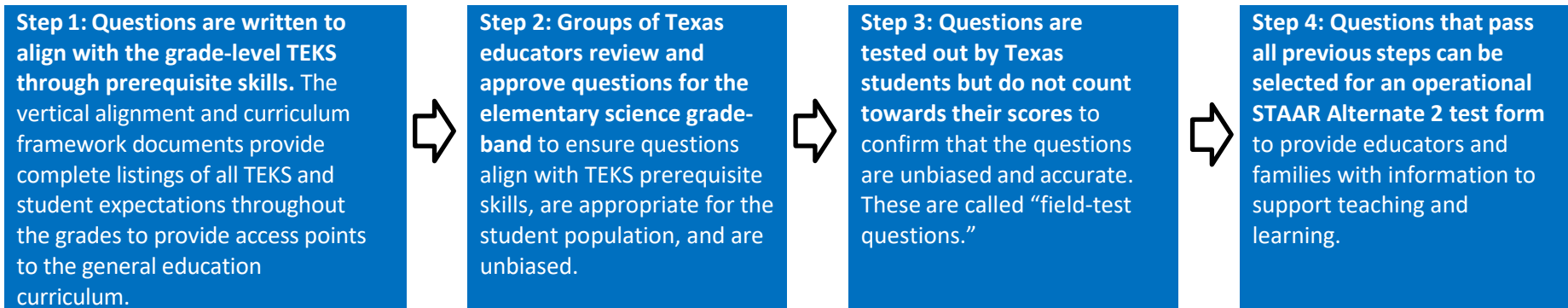
*\*There are 20 questions per test. One Strand will consist of 8 questions and the other three Strands will consist of 4 questions.*

*\*\*Each question is worth 2 points, for a total of 40 points per test.*

**Curriculum:** The [STAAR Alternate 2 Curriculum Frameworks](#) outlines the student expectations and prerequisite skills that are eligible to be assessed on the Biology state summative assessment. [STAAR Alternate 2 Biology Curriculum Framework \(texas.gov\)](#)

**Question types:** STAAR Alternate 2 is a paper assessment administered individually to eligible students. Each multiple-choice test question measures a targeted prerequisite skill. A cluster of four test questions tests a common skill or concept at varying levels of difficulty. Released and sample test questions are available at [STAAR Alternate 2 Released Test Questions | Texas Education Agency](#).

**Development Process:** STAAR Alternate 2 questions go through a rigorous development and review process to ensure they accurately measure student knowledge. Every question on STAAR Alternate 2 is created for Texas students with the review and approval of Texas educators. Texas educators can apply to participate on the assessment review committees at <https://bit.ly/406DvwE> located on the [TexasAssessment.gov](https://www.texasassessment.gov) website.



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