

Texas STAAR Automated Essay Scoring — TEA Routes Every Written Answer Through an NLP Engine, With 25% Human Rescoring

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

From spring 2024 the Texas Education Agency scores all open-ended STAAR answers with an NLP engine and rescores about 25% by hand, saving \$15–20M a year. A spike in zero scores and equity concerns make it a cautionary case.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	1/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	1/3
Scalability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-05

[Texas Education Agency \(TEA\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-05

[Texas Tribune](#) — [Texas STAAR computer grading \(Apr 2024\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-05

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