Expected Linkages

Student-teacher linkages are used to calculate teacher-level Comparative Growth reports. Student-teacher linkages are expected for **all courses for which there is a STAAR/EOC exam in grades 4 and higher** and **all teachers responsible for teaching language acquisition measured by the TELPAS exam in grades 3–8**, as follows:

- **ELA**, measured by the STAAR Reading exam, for reading, language arts, and/or English teachers of students in **grades 4–8**
- **Writing**, measured by the STAAR Writing exam, for writing teachers of students in **grades 4 and 7**
- **Math**, measured by the STAAR Math exam, for math or **geometry** teachers of students in **grades 4–8**
- **Science**, measured by the STAAR Science exam, for science teachers of students in **grades 5 and 8**
- **Social Studies**, measured by the STAAR Social Studies exam, for social studies/history teachers of students in **grade 8**
- **English I**, measured by the English I STAAR End-of-Course exam, for English I and/or Reading teachers of students **typically in grade 9**, but for all students up to grade 12
- **English II**, measured by the English II STAAR End-of-Course exam, for English II and/or Reading teachers of students **typically in grade 10**, but for all students up to grade 12
- **Algebra I**, measured by the Algebra I STAAR End-of-Course exam, for Algebra I teachers of students **typically in grade 9**, but for all students up to grade 12; this includes students in grades 6–8 who take the Algebra I EOC instead of the STAAR Math exam
- **Biology**, measured by the Biology STAAR End-of-Course exam, for Biology teachers of students **typically in grade 9**, but for all students up to grade 12
- **US History**, measured by the US History STAAR End-of-Course exam, for history teachers of students **typically in grade 11**, but for all students up to grade 12; this includes students in grades 9 and 10 who take the US History EOC
- **Language Acquisition**, measured by the TELPAS exam, for teachers of EL students in ESL/ELD courses in **grades 3–8**
- **ELA + TELPAS**, measured by the STAAR Reading exam **and** the TELPAS exam, for reading, language arts, and/or English teachers of EL students in ESL or ELD courses in **grades 4–8**
- **Writing + TELPAS**, measured by the STAAR Writing exam **and** the TELPAS exam, for writing teachers of EL students in ESL or ELD courses in **grades 4 and 7**