

# Review the STAAR Exam for Cultural Bias

## The Problem

Tests such as the SAT, Iowa Test of Basic Skills, IQ tests and others have long been criticized for asking questions that are biased towards Anglo-centric cultures, to the disadvantage of students of color. In recent years, IQ test questions and other standardized test questions have undergone review and revision based on feedback about the underlying cultural bias in some of the questions. However, the Texas STAAR program has not undergone a similar review.

## The Solution

Review the Texas STAAR exam to ensure all students, regardless of cultural background, have an equal chance at success.

## SB 577 will:

Authorize a review of the Texas STAAR exam for cultural bias in the questions and provide a report to TEA and the Legislature on its findings.