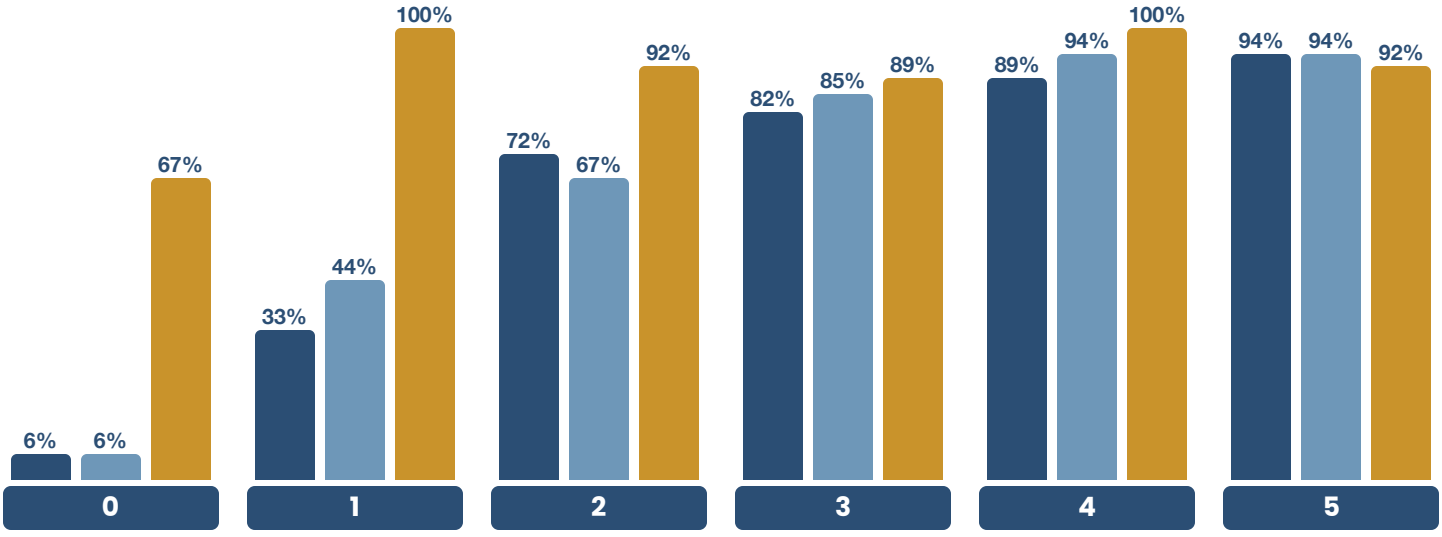
INTRODUCTION AND CONCLUSION BY SCORE

SHARE OF PAPERS WHOSE TEA NOTE CREDITS EACH PART • STAAR ECR

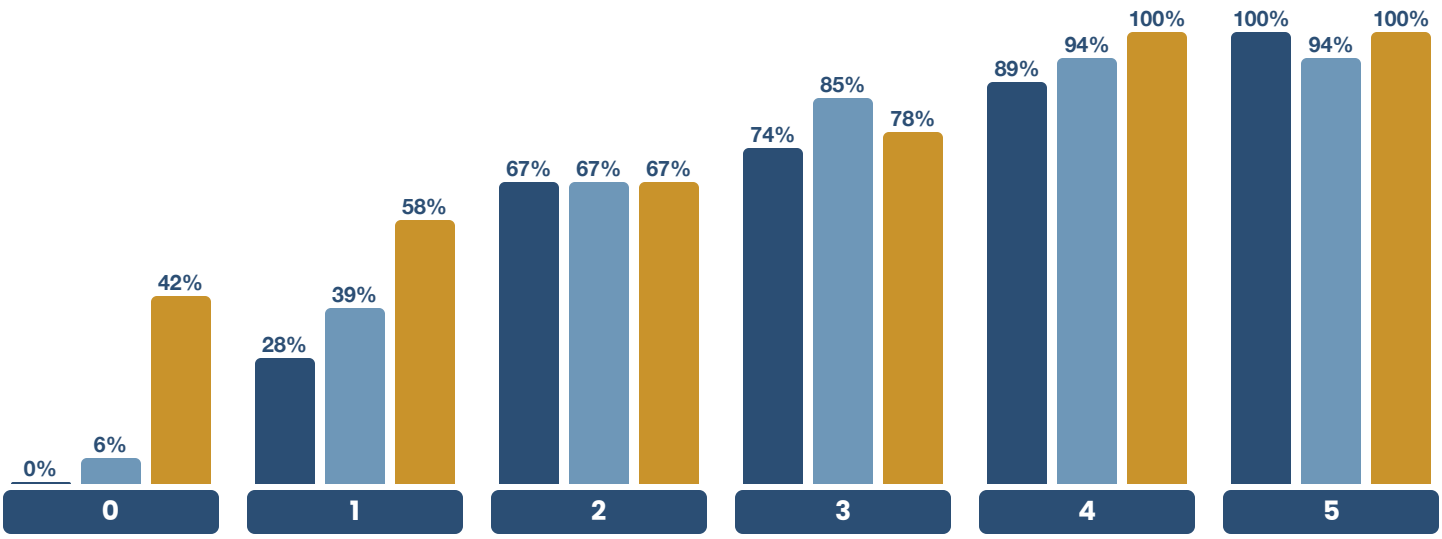
TEA RELEASED ECR SCORING GUIDE SAMPLE PAPERS • 2024 TO 2026 • GRADES 3 TO 8 PLUS ENGLISH I AND II

SCORES 0 TO 5 • 312 PAPERS • 48 PAPERS PER SCORE, 72 AT SCORE 3

A – TEA NOTE CREDITS AN INTRODUCTION



B – TEA NOTE CREDITS A CONCLUSION



What the bars show. In elementary and middle school, the share of papers TEA credits with an introduction or a conclusion climbs from 6% or less at score 0 to 94% or more at score 5. High school notes credit an introduction in 67% of score 0 papers and in 89% or more at every higher score, so those bars stay high. Each bar pools every TEA released paper at that score for the band's grades, 6 per grade (9 at score 3). A paper counts when TEA says the part is present, even when TEA calls it minimal, brief, limited, weak, or incomplete. A paper does not count when TEA says the part is missing or does not mention it.

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EXACT NUMBERS BY GRADE • STAAR ECR

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EACH CELL: PAPERS WHOSE NOTE CREDITS AN INTRODUCTION (I) AND A CONCLUSION (C), OUT OF PAPERS AT THAT SCORE

GRADE	SCORE 0 n=48	SCORE 1 n=48	SCORE 2 n=48	SCORE 3 n=72	SCORE 4 n=48	SCORE 5 n=48
Grade 3	I 0/6 C 0/6 0% and 0%	I 0/6 C 1/6 0% and 17%	I 4/6 C 4/6 67% and 67%	I 8/9 C 7/9 89% and 78%	I 5/6 C 6/6 83% and 100%	I 6/6 C 6/6 100% and 100%
Grade 4	I 0/6 C 0/6 0% and 0%	I 3/6 C 1/6 50% and 17%	I 4/6 C 4/6 67% and 67%	I 6/9 C 5/9 67% and 56%	I 5/6 C 5/6 83% and 83%	I 5/6 C 6/6 83% and 100%
Grade 5	I 1/6 C 0/6 17% and 0%	I 3/6 C 3/6 50% and 50%	I 5/6 C 4/6 83% and 67%	I 8/9 C 8/9 89% and 89%	I 6/6 C 5/6 100% and 83%	I 6/6 C 6/6 100% and 100%
Grade 6	I 1/6 C 0/6 17% and 0%	I 4/6 C 2/6 67% and 33%	I 5/6 C 4/6 83% and 67%	I 8/9 C 8/9 89% and 89%	I 6/6 C 6/6 100% and 100%	I 5/6 C 6/6 83% and 100%
Grade 7	I 0/6 C 0/6 0% and 0%	I 3/6 C 3/6 50% and 50%	I 4/6 C 4/6 67% and 67%	I 8/9 C 7/9 89% and 78%	I 6/6 C 6/6 100% and 100%	I 6/6 C 6/6 100% and 100%
Grade 8	I 0/6 C 1/6 0% and 17%	I 1/6 C 2/6 17% and 33%	I 3/6 C 4/6 50% and 67%	I 7/9 C 8/9 78% and 89%	I 5/6 C 5/6 83% and 83%	I 6/6 C 5/6 100% and 83%
English I	I 6/6 C 4/6 100% and 67%	I 6/6 C 2/6 100% and 33%	I 6/6 C 3/6 100% and 50%	I 9/9 C 8/9 100% and 89%	I 6/6 C 6/6 100% and 100%	I 6/6 C 6/6 100% and 100%
English II	I 2/6 C 1/6 33% and 17%	I 6/6 C 5/6 100% and 83%	I 5/6 C 5/6 83% and 83%	I 7/9 C 6/9 78% and 67%	I 6/6 C 6/6 100% and 100%	I 5/6 C 6/6 83% and 100%

C – THE SAME COUNTS BY BAND

BAND	SCORE 0	SCORE 1	SCORE 2	SCORE 3	SCORE 4	SCORE 5
Elementary	I 1/18 C 0/18 6% and 0%	I 6/18 C 5/18 33% and 28%	I 13/18 C 12/18 72% and 67%	I 22/27 C 20/27 82% and 74%	I 16/18 C 16/18 89% and 89%	I 17/18 C 18/18 94% and 100%
Middle	I 1/18 C 1/18 6% and 6%	I 8/18 C 7/18 44% and 39%	I 12/18 C 12/18 67% and 67%	I 23/27 C 23/27 85% and 85%	I 17/18 C 17/18 94% and 94%	I 17/18 C 17/18 94% and 94%
High	I 8/12 C 5/12 67% and 42%	I 12/12 C 7/12 100% and 58%	I 11/12 C 8/12 92% and 67%	I 16/18 C 14/18 89% and 78%	I 12/12 C 12/12 100% and 100%	I 11/12 C 12/12 92% and 100%

Reading the table. I counts papers whose TEA note credits an introduction or an opening; C counts papers whose note credits a conclusion or a closing. The denominator is every paper at that grade and score. Grades 3 to 5 have 6 papers per score and 9 at score 3; grades 6 to 8, English I and English II have the same counts. Each cell pools 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Source: Texas Education Agency, released ECR scoring guides, 2024 to 2026. Based on TEA's scoring notes for each sample paper. • **teachbig.com**