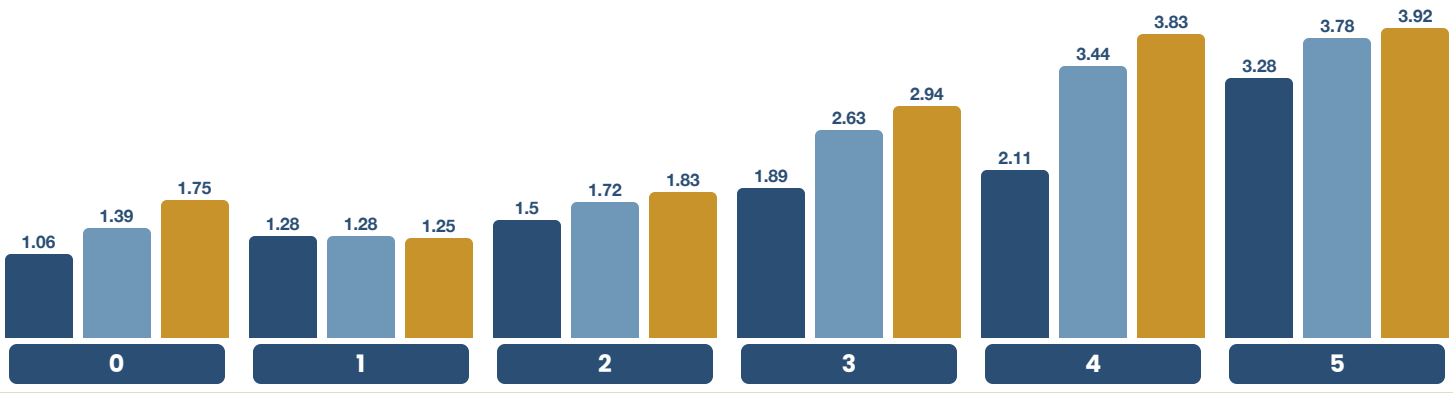
PARAGRAPHS BY SCORE

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS PER PAPER BY SCORE • 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 • ORIGINAL STUDENT WORDING RETAINED

A – AVERAGE NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS PER PAPER



Average number of paragraphs per paper. From score 1 to score 5, papers hold more paragraphs in every band.

What the bars show. From score 1 to score 5, average paragraph count rises in every band. Each bar pools every TEA released paper at that score for the band's grades, 6 per grade (9 at score 3), so small differences may not matter much.

PARAGRAPHS BY SCORE

EXACT NUMBERS BY GRADE • STAAR ECR

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EACH CELL: AVERAGE NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS, FEWEST TO MOST

GRADE	SCORE 0 n=6	SCORE 1 n=6	SCORE 2 n=6	SCORE 3 n=9	SCORE 4 n=6	SCORE 5 n=6
Grade 3	**1.00** paras fewest 1, most 1	**1.00** paras fewest 1, most 1	**1.83** paras fewest 1, most 4	**1.78** paras fewest 1, most 5	**1.67** paras fewest 1, most 5	**2.17** paras fewest 1, most 5
Grade 4	**1.00** paras fewest 1, most 1	**1.17** paras fewest 1, most 2	**1.67** paras fewest 1, most 5	**1.56** paras fewest 1, most 4	**2.00** paras fewest 1, most 4	**3.67** paras fewest 1, most 6
Grade 5	**1.17** paras fewest 1, most 2	**1.67** paras fewest 1, most 3	**1.00** paras fewest 1, most 1	**2.33** paras fewest 1, most 4	**2.67** paras fewest 1, most 5	**4.00** paras fewest 1, most 5
Grade 6	**1.33** paras fewest 1, most 3	**1.17** paras fewest 1, most 2	**1.83** paras fewest 1, most 5	**2.22** paras fewest 1, most 4	**4.00** paras fewest 1, most 7	**2.50** paras fewest 1, most 5
Grade 7	**1.00** paras fewest 1, most 1	**1.67** paras fewest 1, most 3	**1.67** paras fewest 1, most 3	**2.33** paras fewest 1, most 5	**3.50** paras fewest 1, most 4	**4.50** paras fewest 4, most 5
Grade 8	**1.83** paras fewest 1, most 4	**1.00** paras fewest 1, most 1	**1.67** paras fewest 1, most 4	**3.33** paras fewest 1, most 5	**2.83** paras fewest 1, most 5	**4.33** paras fewest 3, most 6
English I	**2.00** paras fewest 1, most 5	**1.33** paras fewest 1, most 3	**1.50** paras fewest 1, most 4	**2.78** paras fewest 1, most 5	**3.33** paras fewest 1, most 4	**4.00** paras fewest 3, most 5
English II	**1.50** paras fewest 1, most 3	**1.17** paras fewest 1, most 2	**2.17** paras fewest 1, most 4	**3.11** paras fewest 1, most 5	**4.33** paras fewest 4, most 5	**3.83** paras fewest 3, most 4

Reading the table. Each cell pools that grade and score point across 2024, 2025, and 2026. Method: a paragraph is text between blank lines or a line stepped in deeper than the line before it in the transcribed student text, checked against scoring guide pages, and score point 0 papers include blank and very short papers counted as they stand.