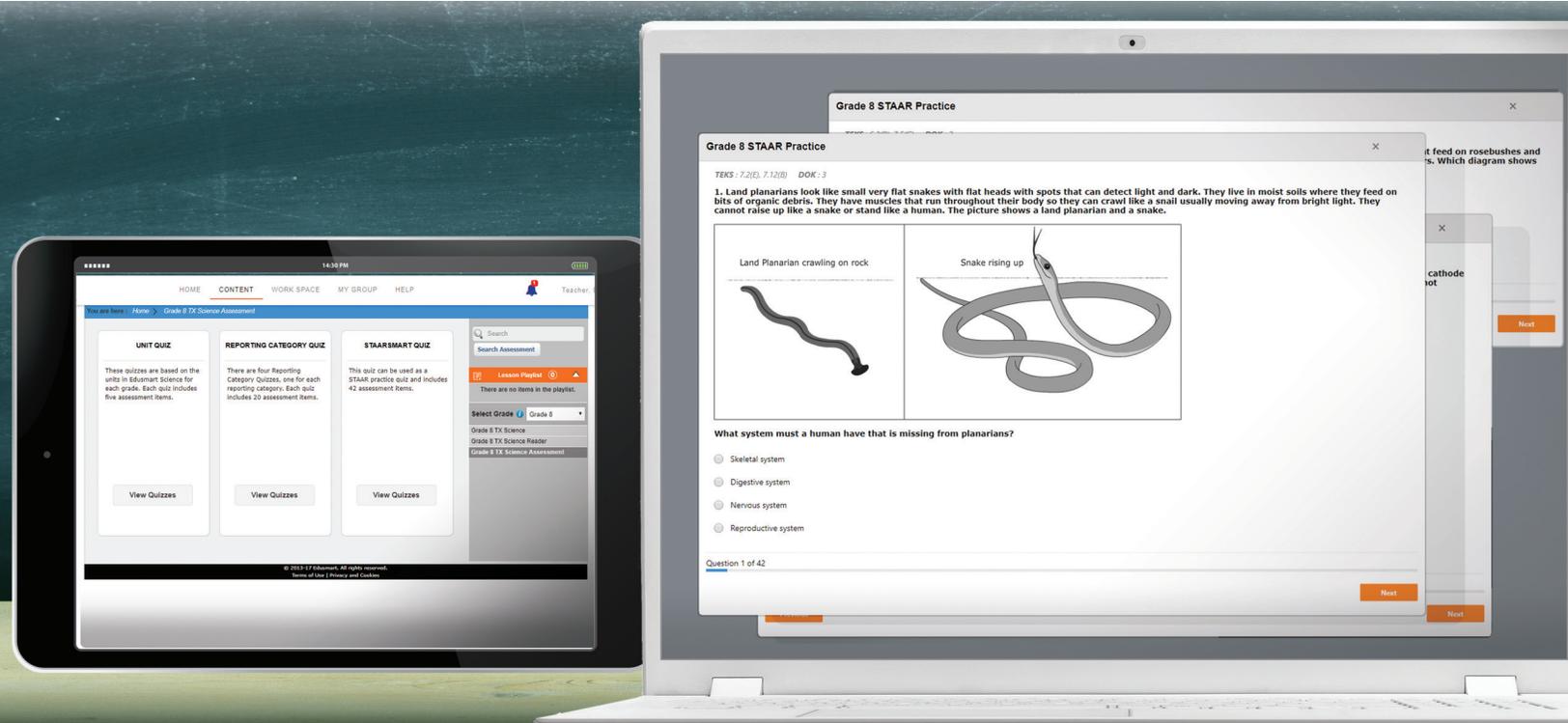


# Exceptional Test Scores:

EduSmart Meets Teacher, Student Needs with Evolving Curriculum



Eighth grade science teacher Carol Anderson has used a lot of teaching curriculum tools in her 25 years at Klein ISD, outside Houston. But when she looks for a “complete curriculum” for her science and biology students, she turns to EduSmart, a product that she says continues to improve to meet the changing needs of teachers and their students.

“We’ve had EduSmart for a couple of years now, and it just continues to improve. I will say that if you haven’t seen EduSmart lately, you haven’t seen EduSmart,” Anderson notes. “The curriculum has added new student reviews with questions imbedded, as well as updated journal activities and interactive labs. The result is greater rigor and more choices for the students, which is in line with our district’s goal to give students more choice.”

While teachers are free to incorporate other district-approved curriculum and their own teaching resources, Anderson says the ease of use for teachers gives EduSmart an edge. “I see it as a complete curriculum with both online and paper components, and one that can be used in teaching the class together as a group or teaching students

## About Doerre Intermediate

Serving approximately **1,200 students** in grades 6, 7 and 8, Doerre Intermediate School is **one of nine** intermediate schools in the **Klein Independent School District** and is located in northwest Harris County. The school opened in 1984, and is rated as a **Met Standards campus**.

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independently," she says, noting that other curriculum options make that more difficult.

"With EduSmart, the work is already done for me, so I can just pick and choose what I want my classroom to do. And I like that it is kept updated with the TEKS," she says.

She and her fellow 8th grade science teachers at Doerre Intermediate used the STAARSmart for

Science Assessments to help students prepare for this year's test. They created a STAAR review to use in the campus pull out time, and used the same approach for their 52 8th grade biology students.

"We created playlists, and used those to go through the reviews, instruction modules and the quiz, going back and forth to review as students needed," she says. Student performance on the quizzes showed improvement after each subsequent students' quiz, she says. "EduSmart was a good review and gave the students an easy to find and follow format. If needed, we could do a re-teach after each quiz, and the students improved each time, which is exactly what I wanted them to do," she notes.

With the students' clear grasp of the material and solid performance on pre-testing quizzes, they were well-prepared for STAAR testing. "Our scores were fantastic," says Anderson. An impressive 100 percent of 8th grade biology students approached and met standards, and 96 percent mastered them. "That is just unbelievable," she says. "I am so proud of how are my students worked to be so outstanding!"

Eighth grade non-biology science students also showed strong TEKS results: 83 percent passed and 44 percent mastered standards. Combining all eighth graders, she says, 92 percent passed and 70 percent mastered TEKS science standards.

"I think any way you look at the scores," says Anderson, "they are scores that would be hard to not like. And Edusmart did play a part in the success of our scores."

### Doerre 8th Grade TEKS Performance with EduSmart: "Unbelievable Scores"

#### Biology:

100% Approached  
100% Met  
96% Mastered

#### Science:

83% Passed  
44% Mastered

#### Combined Science:

92% Passed  
70% Mastered

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