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COMPETITOR COMPARISON REPORT

TBASE vs HMH Writable vs Eduphoria Aware

How TBASE works alongside the writing and data tools districts already use

Practice for every part of STAAR/SST

Prepared for Texas school districts

AI assisted, TEKS aligned essay scoring for Grades 2 to 10



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Executive Summary

Many Texas districts already license HMH Writable and Eduphoria Aware. This report compares them with TBASE, the Teach BIG Automated Scoring Engine, using each company's public materials. The short answer: the three tools do different jobs. Aware is a district assessment and data platform. Writable is a writing practice platform with AI feedback. TBASE scores constructed response writing against TEKS aligned rubrics and turns each class set into the next lesson.

In this report, "Not stated publicly" means we did not find the feature in the provider's public materials. It does not confirm the feature is absent.

2 to 10

Grades TBASE scores

5

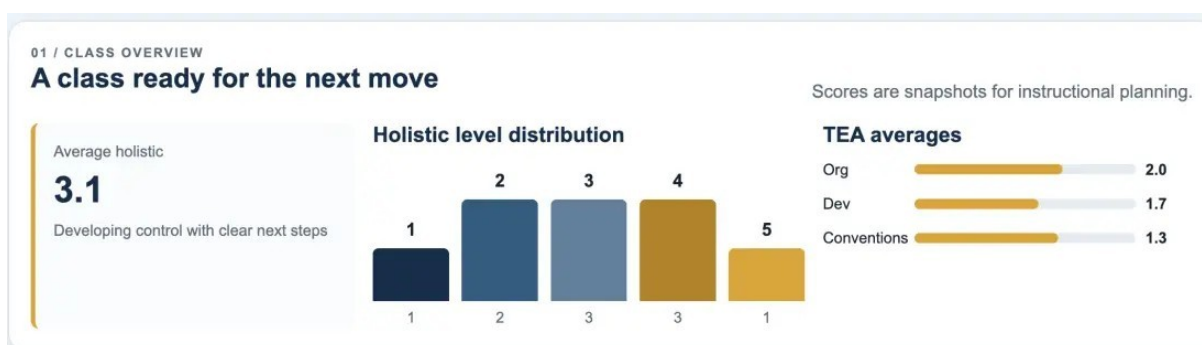
Scored criteria per essay

25+

Analysis sections per essay

TEACH BIG STRENGTH

TBASE produces the score itself, aligned to the TEA STAAR/SST constructed response rubrics, and explains every point with the exact sentence from the student's paper. It complements Aware's data warehouse and Writable's practice library rather than replacing them.



TBASE class overview: holistic level distribution and TEA criterion averages at a glance.

At a Glance: Three Tools, Three Jobs

	TBASE	HMH Writable	Eduphoria Aware
What it is	Automated essay scoring engine with writing and reading games and lesson slide decks	Digital writing platform pairing AI feedback with writing practice and assessment	Assessment creation, administration, and data analysis platform with a data warehouse
Grades	Grades 2 to 10 for essay scoring; ECR Trifecta for Grade 2 through high school	Grades 3 to 12	District wide assessments
Best at	Scoring constructed responses and naming the next teaching move	Daily writing practice, peer review, and feedback	Benchmark and state test data, mastery tracking

Feature Comparison

Every row below is a Teach BIG feature or report. The gold check shows Teach BIG provides it; the other columns show what HMH Writable and Eduphoria Aware list on their product pages. "Not shown on their product page" does not confirm a feature is absent.

What Teach BIG Offers	Teach BIG	HMH Writable	Eduphoria Aware
PRACTICE FOR EVERY PART OF STAAR/SST			
Teachers build their own writing practice in TBASE: Pick a library passage and prompt (or your own), tag the TEKS, assign or upload a class set	✓	AI built assignments the teacher can edit	Teachers create assessments
Teachers build their own reading, editing, and revising practice in OnSTAGE: Test Builder: choose path, grade, and passages; assign online or print a numbered test	✓	Practice assignments that mirror state assessments	Assessment creation tools and item banks
Mirrors the STAAR/SST: same item types, passage formats, and ECR/SCR rubric scoring	✓	Practice assignments that mirror state assessments	Closely mirrors the state testing experience (district quote)
Bank of writing prompts: 3,500+ writing prompts	✓	1,000+ prompts, assignments, and rubrics	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Bank of reading passages: 100+ reading passages by level, cluster, and stamina	✓	Lexiled readings	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Bank of questions: 590+ questions across OnSTAGE and the TBASE games	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	Item banks with about fifteen item types
Choose specific TEKS so practice fits the district's core RLA curriculum: Pick the exact TEKS for every test, prompt, and GRADUATE week	✓	State aligned rubrics (states not named)	Target learning domains and depth of knowledge
Link passages into one test for stamina and endurance: Link up to 7 passages in one OnSTAGE test	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Passage stamina levels: Four levels, Low to Very High	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Reading, editing, and revising in one assessment: All three in one TEKS aligned OnSTAGE test	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
SCR and ECR writing practice, scored: Scored automatically on the TEA rubric, about one to three minutes per essay	✓	AI-generated preliminary scores the teacher adjusts	Constructed responses scored by hand
Prompt Builder: Upload a Teach BIG passage and get classroom prompts	✓	AI built assignments	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Teach by TEKS: A full GRADUATE week: deck, script, lesson plan, tracking pages	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Daily Decks Triplets: Class deck, teacher script, and student tracking sheet, one slide a day	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Standards specific RLA practice games and tools: 17 games and tools, from Prove It! to Explanation Station	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Guided essay writing: Essay Expert with the Essay Progress Tracker, then send to TBASE	✓	Organizers and sentence starters	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Check my answer before scoring: Reads the first five sentences and tells the student if the prompt is answered	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Revision support: Revise flagged sentences and rescore up to 3 times, with revision history	✓	On demand RevisionAid feedback	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
While you wait games: Sort It! and WHY or HOW? while the essay scores	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>

What Teach BIG Offers	Teach BIG	HMH Writable	Eduphoria Aware
TBASE CLASS, STUDENT, FAMILY, AND CAMPUS REPORTS			
Class Report: The class's next best step, level distribution, and every student's next step	✓	Assignment dashboard with insights and recommendations	Single and multi test analysis
Small groups for reteaching: Automatic groups from shared next needs, each with a mini lesson	✓	Recommendations and differentiated assignments	Reteach groups by mastery and DOK
Class Model Paragraph: Anonymous strong paragraph from the class, color coded	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Class roster with heat map: Every student by identifier with criterion scores A to E	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Student Report: Written to the student: strong moment and Try this steps	✓	AI and teacher comments	Scores and reflection activities
Family report: Family Writing Report in English or Spanish with a teacher note	✓	Comments in English or Spanish	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
State score points: STAAR/SST ECR points beside each TBASE level	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	Imports state results and converts to achievement levels
Student TEKS Tracker: Reading and writing results joined by TEKS for each student	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	Mastery Trackers for test items
Campus dashboard: Every class by TEKS with growth over time	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	District data warehouse
Growth and time saved: Growth chart per student and hours saved	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Score exports: File exports formatted for Eduphoria Aware, DMAC, and lead4ward	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	Not applicable
ACCESSIBILITY, LANGUAGE, AND PRIVACY			
Read aloud: English and Spanish, with pause, stop, and speed controls	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	Read aloud accommodation
Spanish language support: Spanish side by side with English; Spanish family report	✓	Spanish assignments, readings, and rubrics	Translation accommodation
Designated accommodations: Teacher assigned text to speech, content and language supports, extra time, dictionary	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	Testing supports toggled per assessment
Accessibility Conformance Reports: VPAT 2.5 reports for TBASE and OnSTAGE, attached	✓	General HMH accessibility page	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Student identity in TBASE: Self-chosen identifiers such as Dolphin; no student names	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Data hosting: Student data stored in the United States	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
AI scoring providers: US or EU hosted providers	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	AI not described on the product page
Single sign on: Clever, ClassLink, Google, or Microsoft, configured within 30 days	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
Start date: Order processed the same day the PO arrives	✓	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>	<i>Not shown on their product page</i>
FEATURES SHOWN	39 of 39	16 of 39	16 of 39

Sources for HMH and Eduphoria are listed in the endnote. Features change; please confirm current details with each provider.

What Only Teach BIG Does in One System

Each of these can be found in pieces elsewhere. Teach BIG puts all of them in one system, for one teacher, on one sign on.

- **Practice building in two platforms:** teachers build their own writing practice in TBASE and reading, editing, and revising practice in OnSTAGE.
- **Banks to build from:** 3,500+ writing prompts, 100+ reading passages, and 590+ questions, chosen by specific TEKS.
- **Linked passages for endurance:** up to seven passages in one OnSTAGE test to build stamina.
- **A 23 section essay report** with every score backed by the student's own words.
- **Answer Choice Analysis and TEKS Teams** that turn reading results into small groups.
- **The curriculum behind the practice:** printed lesson plan guides and workbooks and digital slide decks, Grade 2 through high school.
- **Randi Whitney's frameworks** (TRACKS, DEEP FACTS, CSI, five thinking levels) from lesson to report.
- **Families included:** a Family Writing Report in English or Spanish.

Where TBASE Goes Further

It scores, not just stores

Aware holds the scores teachers enter by hand for constructed responses. TBASE produces the score: a whole class set is scored in one upload, so teachers get planning time back. Teachers always see the original response and can review any score.

Built on the STAAR/SST scoring guides

Each report shows the TEA STAAR/SST RLA constructed response scores beside a TBASE level and a five criterion profile. TBASE also applies the first five sentences rule: if the essay does not answer the prompt early, the report says so clearly.

It shows the thinking

Five thinking levels and a summary versus analysis view show whether a student is retelling or explaining. Writable offers rubric aligned feedback; TBASE adds a view of how the student is thinking.

TEACH BIG STRENGTH

TRACKS (six evidence types) and DEEP FACTS (explanation styles) are Randi Whitney's instructional frameworks. The same language appears in the lesson plan guides, workbooks, slide decks, and TBASE reports, so students hear one consistent vocabulary from lesson to score.

02 / CLASS ROSTER

Every student, one visible movement Click a header to sort.

Student ↓	Holistic ↑	TEA Org ↑	TEA Dev ↑	Conv. ↑	Criteria: C / O / E / Ex / Co	Instructional grouping ↓	The One BIG Movement
Dolphin 1	5	3	3	2	A A A A A	reflection and significance	Push the why beyond the facts.
Dolphin 2	4	2	2	2	B B A B A	evidence-to-reasoning connection	Explain how each fact proves the point.
Dolphin 3	4	3	2	1	B A B B C	conventions	Edit one sentence at a time.
Dolphin 4	3	2	2	1	C C B C C	organization and transitions	Name the relationship between ideas.
Dolphin 5	3	2	1	1	C C C B C	evidence selection	Choose the strongest fact first.
Dolphin 6	3	1	2	2	C D B C B	thesis alignment	Make every paragraph answer why.
Dolphin 7	2	1	1	1	D D C D C	sentence boundaries	Read aloud and stop at each complete thought.
Dolphin 8	2	1	1	0	D C D C D	conventions	Build a three-word edit checklist.
Dolphin 9	1	0	1	0	E D D D E	sentence boundaries	Say one idea, then stop.
Dolphin 10	2	1	2	1	C D B B C	evidence-to-reasoning connection	Add because after the evidence.

TBASE class roster: criterion heat map, instructional grouping, and The One BIG Movement for each student, shown by identifier.

How TBASE Works Alongside Your Current Contracts

TBASE is not a replacement for a district data warehouse or a writing practice library. It fills the step between them: scoring the writing and planning the reteach.

Step in the writing cycle	Tool that fits	How they work together
Teach the writing lesson	ECR Trifecta (Teach BIG)	Daily lesson plan guide, workbook pages, and slide deck for the cluster
Practice and peer review	HMH Writable	Students practice with prompts from the Writable library and receive feedback
Score the constructed response	TBASE	Upload the class set; TBASE scores against TEKS aligned rubrics and explains each score
Reteach in small groups	TBASE + ECR Trifecta	Class report groups students by next need and points to the matching lesson
Benchmark and state data	Eduphoria Aware	District benchmarks, STAAR/SST results, and multi test analysis stay in Aware

- **No double entry for teachers.** Writing scored in TBASE stays with the teacher's class reports; district test data stays in Aware. TBASE can also export scores in file formats built for Eduphoria Aware, DMAC, and lead4ward (file exports, not official integrations).
- **One sign on.** Through Clever, ClassLink, Google, or Microsoft, staff reach TBASE from the same launchpad as their other district tools.
- **Teacher judgment first.** TBASE reports support the teacher's decision; the original student response is always shown.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Aware tells the district where students landed on a test. Writable gives students daily practice. TBASE and the ECR Trifecta show why a student's writing landed where it did and what to teach next.

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