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Additionally, we carefully designed our scaffolded instruction to provide a rich variety of paper and pencil interactions for students. Having a resource that students can work and write in, and document their progress, provides a comforting and confidence building learning experience.

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- **Less effective**— copying creates an incoherent curriculum with less student buy in
- **Hard on staff**—copying consumes *valuable teacher time* that can better spent preparing
- **Unfair**—makes it hard for Sirius to provide our proven resources at a cost-effective price

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Sirius Education Solutions supplemental STAAR prep resources help Texas schools better align their taught curriculum with *exactly* what students need to know and do on the STAAR tests.

Our resources free teachers to focus their limited time and energy on delivering engaging and differentiated instruction to a diverse student population. We thank you for respecting our copyright, so we can regularly update and improve our effective test prep resources.

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