From: <u>CAI Texas Testing Communication</u>

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To the Education Service Center and District Staff Members Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of the following upcoming activities for the 2023–2024 Texas Assessment Program.

## **SPRING 2024 STAAR ADMINISTRATION**

The spring 2024 administration of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) begins **Tuesday**, **April 9, 2024**, and ends **Friday**, **May 3, 2024**. The testing window for STAAR reading language arts (RLA) is April 9–19, the testing window for science and social studies is April 16–26, and the window for mathematics is April 23–May 3.

- Test Materials
  - District personnel must order any additional STAAR paper test materials needed by **April 15** for RLA, **April 22** for science and social studies, and **April 29** for mathematics. Any additional return labels for this administration must be ordered by **May 13**.
- Printed Student Report Cards and Labels
  To receive printed copies of student report cards and student labels for the spring STAAR
  administration, district testing personnel must request printed versions through the Score
  Reporting and Label Requests module in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). The
  deadline to request printed student report cards and student labels for this administration is
  May 3.

## **UPDATES TO STAAR AND STAAR ALTERNATE 2 DATA FILE FORMATS**

As a reminder, updated data file formats reflecting the following changes are now available on the <u>Data File Formats</u> webpage:

- For STAAR, students eligible for an English learner performance measure (ELPM) who achieve a Level 4 on STAAR will now receive an ELPM of 4 (Masters, based on STAAR performance level). These changes are reflected in the STAAR grades 3–8 assessments data file format in positions 445, 798, 1528, and 1928. The changes are reflected in the STAAR end-of-course assessments data file format in positions 418, 1051, 1151, 1251, 1351, and 1451.
- For STAAR Alternate 2, enhanced performance level indicators for accelerated instruction are no longer required and will no longer be reported. Therefore, positions 1519–1520 and 1919–1920 will now be blank. Refer to the <a href="HB 1416 Frequently Asked Questions">HB 1416 Frequently Asked Questions</a> document for more information regarding accelerated instruction requirements.

## **TELPAS ADMINISTRATION**

The deadline for district personnel to return all Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) secure test materials to Pearson is **April 12, 2024**. TELPAS secure test materials are all used and unused test booklets and *TELPAS Braille Secure Test Instructions*. For more information, refer to the <u>Return Materials</u> page of the Complete Administrations section of the *Coordinator Resources*.

For questions or assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact Texas Testing Support at 833-601-8821, <a href="mailto:TexasTestingSupport@cambiumassessment.com">TexasAssessment.gov</a> via live chat.