From:	CAI Texas Testing Communication
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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 STAAR ADMINISTRATION

- Registering OOS and OOD Examinees
 District personnel must register out-of-school (OOS) and out-of-district (OOD) examinees for
 the spring 2024 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) administration
 between February 19 and March 1, 2024. The STAAR OOS and OOD Examinee Registration
 form will be available on the Texas Assessment website under <u>Other Testing Resources</u>.
- Test Administrator Manuals

For the spring STAAR administration, the initial order of test administrator manuals will be delivered between **February 20** and **February 23, 2024**. District personnel may log in to the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) to see how many copies of the *STAAR Test Administrator Manual* they will receive.

• Spanish TTS Voice Pack

With the release of Google's Chrome OS version 121, the Spanish voice pack, which is used for text-to-speech (TTS) functionality, will be available for the spring STAAR administration. Students who use Chromebooks for testing and who need Spanish TTS should have their devices updated to Chrome OS version 121. For devices that cannot be updated, district staff may continue to manually install the Spanish voice pack with the instructions provided in the communication sent on January 17, 2024.

TELPAS AND TELPAS ALTERNATE ADMINISTRATIONS

The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) and TELPAS Alternate testing window will be open from **February 19** through **March 29, 2024**. All emergent bilingual (EB) students in kindergarten through grade 12 must be administered TELPAS or TELPAS Alternate unless they have met the EB reclassification criteria. Please note that if testing questions arise on Monday, February 19, district testing personnel should contact TEA using the <u>Student Assessment Help Desk</u> as Cambium's Texas Testing Support will be closed that day in observance of Presidents' Day.

As a reminder, the TELPAS additional order window is open now through **March 25**. District personnel may place orders for TELPAS reading paper assessments and additional test administrator manuals during this window.

TEXAS THROUGH-YEAR ASSESSMENT PILOT

The Texas Through-year Assessment Pilot (TTAP) district-level <u>application</u> for the 2024–2025 school year is open and closes at 11:59 p.m. (CT) **Friday, March 29, 2024**. All Texas public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools are eligible to participate in TTAP. During the 2024–2025 school year, TTAP will be available to administer for the following grades/subjects and courses: grade 3 math (new), grade 6 math, grade 7 math, grade 8 math (new), grade 8 social studies, and Algebra I (new). Priority will be given to districts that participated in TTAP during the 2023–2024 school year and to districts that are able to administer the majority of the TTAP tests titles offered during the 2024–2025 school year.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will host a webinar to provide information to interested district personnel. Participants may register for option 1 or 2 of the webinar using the links below:

- Webinar Option 1—February 20, 2024, 4:00–5:00 p.m. (CT)
- Webinar Option 2—February 21, 2024, 12:00–1:00 p.m. (CT)

Refer to the <u>TTAP</u> webpage for additional information and email any questions to <u>TTAP@tea.texas.gov</u>.

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