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To the Education Service Center and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of the following upcoming activities for the 2021–2022 Texas Assessment Program.

SPRING 2022 TELPAS ADMINISTRATION

- Online Test Sessions

As a reminder, districts are able to create test sessions for the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) in the [Test Administrator Interface](#) of the Test Delivery System (TDS) beginning **February 7**. For instructions on how to create a test session, refer to the [Test Delivery System \(TDS\) User Guide](#). Also starting February 7, TELPAS writing samples can begin to be collected and the calibration window opens for new and returning raters.

- New TELPAS Writing Questions

Beginning **February 8**, a TELPAS writing sampler set will be available in the [Practice Tests Site](#). The sampler set will include constructed response, text entry, and sentence correction type questions, which will be embedded in the spring 2022 TELPAS reading tests. The TELPAS writing sampler set is not grade-level specific, so there is only one writing sampler set. The purpose of the writing sampler set is to help students become familiar with the tools and functionality of different types of writing questions.

In addition to the release of the writing sampler set, an accommodations document, *2022 Accommodations Guidance for TELPAS Writing Field Test*, has been posted to the [Accommodations Resources](#) webpage under Related Resources. This document provides guidance regarding accessibility and designated supports specifically for the TELPAS writing field-test questions.

- Additional Orders

As a reminder, districts may order additional paper test materials in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE), including braille versions of a TELPAS reading test, by **February 11, 2022**. For instructions on how to place orders for additional materials, refer to the [TIDE User Guide](#).

- Special Administration Requests

For eligible students who require a paper administration of a TELPAS reading test or a holistic listening and speaking test, district coordinators should submit a Special Administration Request form through TIDE under *Administration and Security Forms* by **March 4, 2022**. For more information, refer to the [Special Administration of an Online Assessment](#) page in the *District and Campus Coordinator Resources*.

MAY 2022 STAAR EOC ADMINISTRATION

- Student Registration and Test Attribute Information

Student registration, including submitting test attribute information, for the May 2022 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) end-of-course (EOC) administration will be available through TIDE from **February 11–25, 2022**. The number of students registered in TIDE with test format set to paper and specific test attribute values selected before the last day of the initial order window will be used to determine the quantity of paper test materials delivered in a district's shipment. The number of test administrator manuals delivered will be based on the total number of May STAAR registrations (paper or online).

- Initial Orders

Once a district has submitted student registration and test attribute information, Initial Order Materials Lists will be available in TIDE starting **February 14, 2022**. These order lists show the quantities of materials a district is scheduled to receive in the initial shipment and are posted at the district and campus level. Order lists are updated as student registration information is updated in TIDE through the close of the initial order window. You can request additional materials not included in your initial order during the additional order window.

- OOD and OOS Examinee Registration

Districts can register out-of-district (OOD) and out-of-school (OOS) examinees for the May 2022 STAAR EOC administration from **February 11–23, 2022**. The STAAR OOS and OOD Examinee Registration form is available on the Texas Assessment website under [Other Testing Resources](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The *Group Training* feature in the [Learning Management System](#) (LMS) allows administrator-level staff to provide training to a group of educators and then document the completed training in the LMS for each participant. To use the *Group Training* feature in the LMS, complete the steps below **after** the group training is complete.

1. Log in to the LMS.
2. From the *Administrator* menu in the upper right corner of the screen, select the *Group Training* option.
3. Enter your TIDE username and password.
4. From the *Group Training* screen, select the training and educators who attended the training.
5. Then, click the *Submit* button only after the training has been completed. All participants selected will be marked as having completed the training in a group setting.

For questions or assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact Texas Testing Support at 833-601-8821, TexasTestingSupport@cambiumassessment.com, or via [live chat at TexasAssessment.gov](#).