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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

Beginning **March 18, 2024**, district testing personnel may create test sessions for the spring State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) administration in the test administrator interface of the Test Delivery System (TDS). For instructions on how to create a test session, refer to the <u>TDS User Guide</u> or the <u>How to Create Test Sessions</u> training video in the <u>District and Campus Coordinator Resources</u>.

2024 STAAR ALTERNATE 2 ADMINISTRATION

The 2024 STAAR Alternate 2 testing window opens on **Monday, March 25, 2024**. The additional order window for this administration is **March 18–April 22**. To place additional orders, use the "STAAR Alternate 2, Paper Materials Management" option from the *Administration Tasks* dropdown menu in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). As a reminder, additional orders are only available after overage materials have been exhausted. For more information regarding additional orders for STAAR Alternate 2, refer to the <u>Prepare for Paper Administrations</u> section of the *Coordinator Resources*.

2024 TELPAS AND TELPAS ALTERNATE ADMINISTRATIONS

• Completing Administrations

The testing windows for the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) and TELPAS Alternate close on **Friday, March 29, 2024**. All student data for these administrations must be entered and processed by **11:59 p.m.** (**CT) March 29**. If student data are not processed by this time, the tests will not be scored or reported. It is highly recommended that district personnel reserve the last 2–3 days of the testing windows for submitting the following information, as directed below.

- Holistic ratings for TELPAS kindergarten and grade 1 must be uploaded and processed in TIDE.
- Ratings for special holistic administrations of TELPAS grades 2–12 listening, speaking, and writing must be uploaded and processed in TIDE.
- Student responses for special paper administrations of TELPAS grades 2–12 reading must be submitted and process in the Data Entry Interface (DEI).
- Holistic ratings for TELPAS Alternate must be submitted and processed in DEI.

Reporting

District personnel must ensure all score codes and student information for TELPAS and TELPAS Alternate are entered in TIDE by **March 29**. This includes student demographics, program enrollment, years in U.S. schools, and accommodations. If district personnel make changes to the information after this date, those changes will not be included in accountability reports.

• Student Report Cards and Student Labels

District personnel will receive electronic versions of student report cards and student labels for TELPAS and TELPAS Alternate. To receive printed versions of the report cards and labels, district personnel must request printed versions through the *Score Reporting and Label Requests* module in TIDE by **March 29**.

TEXAS THROUGH-YEAR ASSESSMENT PILOT

• TTAP Opportunity 3

Opportunity 3 of the Texas Through-year Assessment Pilot (TTAP) opens on **March 25, 2024**. Testing personnel in districts and campuses participating in TTAP may now create test sessions for Opportunity 3 in the test administrator interface of TDS. For more information on how to create test sessions, refer to the <u>TDS User Guide</u> or the <u>How to Create Test</u> <u>Sessions</u> training video in the *Coordinator Resources*.

TTAP Application

All Texas public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools are encouraged to apply to participate in TTAP during the 2024–2025 school year. The district-level application will close at 11:59 p.m. (CT) Friday, March 29. Information about the third year of the pilot was shared through an informational webinar in late February, a recording of which can be found on the Texas Through-year Assessment Pilot webpage along with details about the pilot's structure and design. Questions regarding TTAP or the application process should be submitting to TTAP@tea.texas.gov.

For questions or assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact Texas Testing Support at 833-601-8821, TexasAssessment.gov via live chat.