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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.

### **ADDITIONAL UPDATES TO THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

An updated version of the Calendar of Events is posted on the [TexasAssessment.gov](https://www.texasassessment.gov) website. The following updates were made:

- The *Initial Order Materials List Available in TIDE* event date for the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) Alternate was removed. There will not be a materials list available for TELPAS Alternate Observable Behaviors.
- The *Districts Ship All Nonscorable Materials* event date for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR<sup>®</sup>) Alternate 2 was updated to May 13.

### **DECEMBER 2021 STAAR ADMINISTRATION**

Students testing online for the December STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) administration must have their *Test Format* set to “Online” and *End of Course Eligibility* set to “Yes” in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). The *End of Course Eligibility* field may be updated using the *Upload Additional Student Fields* template in TIDE without risking overriding any other information already in TIDE for that student record.

### **UPLOAD ADDITIONAL STUDENT FIELDS UPDATE**

On November 16, 2021, the *Upload Additional Student Fields* template in TIDE will be updated to include the *Emergent Bilingual Indicator Code (LEP)* and *TELPAS Alternate* flags. Districts may use this updated file to modify these two values for students without risking overriding any other information already in TIDE for that student record.

### **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

The following training opportunities are available in the [Learning Management System](#) (LMS):

- Overview of the Oral and Signed Administration Educator Guide
- Oral and Signed Administration for Reading and Language Arts for Test Administrators
- Test Accommodations Training for Test Administrators
- Active Monitoring for Test Administrators
- Test Security Module 1: Active Monitoring

In addition, the Data Cleanup Overview webinar will take place Thursday, November 18, 2021, 2–3 p.m. (CT). Registration for the webinar is currently open in the LMS.

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