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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 2022–2023 Texas Assessment Program.

### **TIDE ACTIVATION AND LOGIN INFORMATION**

As a reminder, when a user’s Texas Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) account is created, TIDE sends the user an activation email. This email contains a link that directs the user to the *Reset Your Password* page in TIDE. This is where the user can set up your password for logging in to TIDE and other applicable Cambium systems. It is important to note that this link expires 15 minutes after the email is sent. If the user does not set up a password within 15 minutes, the requestor must request a new link for the user.

If the user does not receive an activation email, that person should check his or her spam folder. Emails are sent from [DoNotReply@cambiumassessment.com](mailto:DoNotReply@cambiumassessment.com), so the user may need to add this address to his or her contact list. If no email is found in either the inbox or spam folder, users should select *Forgot Your Password* on the TIDE login page.

Refer to the [Registration](#) section of the *District and Campus Coordinator Resources* and the [TIDE User Guide](#) for additional information.

### **UPDATES TO THE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS COORDINATOR RESOURCES**

The *District and Campus Coordinator Resources* has been updated to include the [Student Data Request User Guide](#). In addition, the *How to Verify Students are Registered for TELPAS and TELPAS Alternate* training video is now available in the [Verify Student Information](#) section. Refer to the [Updates to Coordinator Resources](#) section for additional updates since this resource was posted in August.

### **DEADLINE FOR TELPAS AND TELPAS ALTERNATE ADMINISTRATIONS**

As a reminder, **November 23, 2022**, is the deadline for districts to indicate student eligibility information and special administration of an online assessment information paper or holistic administration for students taking Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) or TELPAS Alternate. Districts must ensure students are appropriately registered in TIDE by this date to ensure districts receive sufficient paper materials in the initial order shipment. Districts must place additional orders for students whose registration information is updated after November 23.

- TELPAS
  - Any student who needs to take TELPAS must have the *Emergent Bilingual Indicator Code* set to “1” in TIDE. For students who meet the eligibility requirements for a special administration of an online assessment, districts must indicate the following in TIDE.
    - *Special Ed Indicator Code* or *Section 504 Indicator Code* set to “Yes”
    - *Test Mode* set to “Holistic” for TELPAS listening and speaking
    - *Test Mode* set to “Paper & Holistic” for TELPAS reading and writing
    - *Paper Test Format* set to the appropriate material for TELPAS reading
  
- TELPAS Alternate
  - Any student who needs to take TELPAS Alternate must have all three indicators marked

correctly:

- o *Emergent Bilingual Indicator Code* set to "1"
- o *Special Ed Indicator Code* set to "Yes"
- o *TELPAS Alternate Eligibility* field set to "Yes"

Initial order material quantities will be available for verification using the *TELPAS and TELPAS Alt Paper Materials Management* administration task. These quantities are calculated based on students flagged appropriately in TIDE. Districts **must** review the initial order materials to confirm that sufficient quantities are ordered.

### **NON-EMBEDDED ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TOOLS UPDATE**

For students requiring non-embedded supports such as predictive text, refreshable braille displays, or eye gazers, the *Permissive Mode* indicator code must be set to "On" in TIDE before test administration begins.

**Most non-embedded assistive technology tools are supported by Windows and macOS desktops only, with applications running independently and not allowing copying of information from the secure browser.** Permissive mode on macOS (10.13–10.15) is supported only with secure browser application version 12.5. Mobile devices, such as Chromebooks and iPads, do not support permissive mode. More detailed system requirements are provided for each assistive technology tool in the [Assistive Technology Manual for Windows and macOS](#) found in the *District and Campus Coordinator Resources*.

Districts must ensure that the proper secure browser application version is downloaded from the [Texas Assessment](#) website to allow for testing with permissive mode.

### **TEXAS FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT RESOURCE UPDATE**

New assessments created in the Texas Formative Assessment Resource (TFAR) authoring system may require 24 hours from the time they are published to become available in the test administration interface.

### **TRAINING UPDATE**

The Test Security for the Texas Assessment Program training module is now available in the [Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#). This training reviews test security and confidentiality, testing irregularities and serious testing violations.

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 [TexasAssessment.gov](#) [via live chat](#).