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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 UPDATES**

- New Information Banner Feature  
Beginning on November 7, 2022, the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) features an announcement banner to provide reminders of important dates and deadlines as well as other information. The banner will be blue for information and reminders and red for critical notifications.
- Deleting Student Attributes  
District personnel will have the ability to use the *Additional Student Attributes Upload File* to delete student attributes beginning on November 11, 2022.

### **TDS TEST TOOLS UPDATE**

The graphing tool in the Test Delivery System (TDS) has been updated to include a draw functionality. The tool has been renamed *Graph/Draw* and is available starting November 7, 2022, for mathematics, science, and social studies tests. Reading language arts tests do not have this tool, as there are notepad and sticky notes tools available. The *Graph/Draw* tool allows students to plot points and lines and includes free-form draw functionality with multiple colors.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Printed copies of the Calendar of Events are scheduled to arrive in districts during the week of November 14, 2022. The online version of the [Calendar of Events](#), available in the *District and Campus Coordinator Resources*, has been updated to include information about selecting the correct paper format in TIDE for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) Alternate 2. Refer to the STAAR Alternate 2 Administration section below for more information. This update is not reflected in the printed version.

### **CHROME OS SECURE BROWSER UPDATE**

As a reminder, version 8.0.0.1 of the Chrome OS Secure Browser is now available in the Chrome Webstore. The secure browser should update automatically, but individuals should coordinate this required change with their information technology staff if the Chrome OS testing devices are not set to automatically update applications.

### **2023 TELPAS ADMINISTRATION**

All students who need to take the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) assessments must have the *Emergent Bilingual Indicator Code* set to “1” in the *Student Information* page in TIDE.

The deadline for districts to indicate a special paper or holistic administration of TELPAS assessments is **November 23, 2022**. For students who need a paper or holistic administration and meet the eligibility requirements, districts must indicate the following in TIDE.

- *Emergent Bilingual Indicator Code* set to “1”
- *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

Initial order material quantities will be available for verification by districts 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.

### **2023 TELPAS ALTERNATE ADMINISTRATION**

For any student eligible for TELPAS Alternate, districts must indicate the following in TIDE.

- *Emergent Bilingual Indicator Code* set to “1”
- *Special Ed Indicator Code* set to “Yes”
- *Alternate Student Flag: TELPAS Alternate* set to “Yes”

All indicator codes must be marked prior to **November 23, 2022**, for the district to receive an adequate supply of the Observable Behaviors Inventory.

### **2023 STAAR ALTERNATE 2 ADMINISTRATION**

As a reminder, for any student eligible for STAAR Alternate 2, districts must indicate the following in TIDE.

- *Special Ed Indicator Code* set to “Yes”
- *Alternate Student Flag: STAAR Alternate 2* set to “Yes”

In addition, any student who needs to take a STAAR Alternate 2 end-of-course (EOC) assessment must have the *STAAR Alternate 2 EOC Eligibility* field for the specific course marked “Yes.”

The *STAAR Alternate 2 Paper Format* field has been added to TIDE. The paper format defaults to “Regular Print.” For a student who needs a large-print version of a STAAR Alternate 2 test booklet, the district will need to select “Large Print” in the *STAAR Alternate 2 Paper Format* field in TIDE; otherwise, no action is necessary.

All indicators must be marked prior to **January 6, 2023**, to ensure that districts receive sufficient paper materials in the initial order shipment. Additional orders must be placed for students whose STAAR Alternate 2 indicators are added after the due date.

### **STAAR REDESIGN TRAININGS**

Starting November 7, 2022, STAAR redesign training modules are available to teachers in the [Learning Management System](#) (LMS). A communication will be sent to all teachers on November 14, 2022, to inform them that these modules are available and to share registration links for optional webinars about the STAAR redesign led by the Texas Education Agency. A teacher must be a registered user in TIDE to access the LMS, so testing coordinators should anticipate access requests from teachers that do not already have TIDE accounts. Teachers should be given the user role of “TE”; if a district does not want teachers to have this permission level, the role “LMS Only” may be used to provide access only to the LMS. Refer to the [User Role matrix](#) in the *District and Campus Coordinator Resources* for additional information.

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](https://www.texasassessment.gov) [via live chat](#).

