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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.

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NEW AUTO TEXT-TO-SPEECH

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A new Auto Text-to-Speech (TTS) test attribute is now available in the Test Delivery System (TDS) for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]) online practice tests and operational administrations. Students testing online with the Auto TTS feature enabled will have the test read aloud from beginning to end. (A test may include text that is not permitted to be read aloud. This text will be skipped when using Auto TTS.)

DECEMBER 2021 STAAR EOC ADMINISTRATION

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• **Retester Flag**

For students to be flagged as retesters for the December STAAR end-of-course (EOC) assessments, they must have a Texas Student Data System (TSDS) ID. Students with temporary IDs in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) must be merged with their permanent TSDS ID before **November 1, 2021**, to have the retester flag updated.

If students have not been uploaded to TIDE by November 1, 2021, they will not receive any applicable retester flag updates in TIDE.

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• **OOD and OOS Examinee Registration**

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Districts can now [register](#) out-of-district (OOD) and out-of-school (OOS) examinees for the December 2021 STAAR administration through **October 29, 2021**.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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Each year the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Student Assessment Division provides training to Education Service Center (ESC) testing coordinators regarding administration procedures for all components of the Texas Assessment Program. This year's ESC training was held virtually on September 30, 2021, and the recorded presentations have been posted to the [Learning Management System](#) (LMS).

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](#).