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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 Texas Assessment Program.

STAAR ALTERNATE 2 REGISTRATION

District testing personnel must submit student registrations for the spring 2024 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) Alternate 2 administration in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) no later than **December 14, 2023**. To indicate student eligibility for STAAR Alternate 2 in TIDE, district personnel must select “Yes” under the *Alternate Student Flag: STAAR Alternate 2* field. For grades 3–8, district personnel must ensure the student’s enrolled grade is populated to receive the grade-specific test for mathematics, reading language arts, science, and social studies. For end-of-course (EOC) assessments, in addition to setting “Yes” for the STAAR Alternate 2 flag, district personnel must also select “Yes” under each specific *STAAR Alternate 2 EOC Eligibility* field.

As previously announced in May, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has updated the STAAR Alternate 2 participation requirements beginning with the 2023–2024 school year. In addition to the updated requirements, TEA has provided several resources to assist local educational agencies in making assessment participation decisions and ensuring all students are appropriately assessed. The following resources are available on the [STAAR Alternate 2 Resources](#) webpage:

- Updated STAAR Alternate 2 Participation Requirements (English and Spanish)
- Companion Document for STAAR Alternate 2 Participation Requirements (English and Spanish)
- Frequently Asked Questions on STAAR Alternate 2 Participation Requirements
- STAAR Alternate 2 Educator Guide
- Training on Updated STAAR Alternate 2 Participation Requirements
- Training on Fall Updates for STAAR Alternate 2
- Training on STAAR Alternate 2 Overview

SECURE BROWSER UPDATES

As a reminder, CAI is extending mobile Secure Browser version 9 to include iPad OS version 17 starting on **Tuesday, October 31, 2023**. No updates to the Secure Browser are necessary for devices running iPad OS version 17. Also, CAI is releasing macOS Secure Browser version 16.5 on **Tuesday, October 31, 2023**. Districts running macOS version 14 must update to this new Secure Browser.

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