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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.

DECEMBER 2022 STAAR ADMINISTRATION

- System Checks

Technology staff should perform system checks on testing devices by **November 7, 2022**, to prepare for December online testing.

SPRING 2023 STAAR ALTERNATE 2 ADMINISTRATION

Student information needs to be uploaded into the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) only once, at the beginning of the year. Before testing, all student records must be added to TIDE either individually or in bulk as a file upload. Refer to the [Upload Student Information into TIDE](#) section of the *District and Campus Coordinator Resources* for more information.

Any student who needs to take State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) Alternate 2 must have **both** of the following fields set to “Yes” in TIDE.

- *Special Ed Indicator Code*
- *Alternate Student Flag: STAAR Alternate 2*

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* fields for the specific course marked “Yes.”

The *STAAR Alternate 2 Paper Format* field has been added to TIDE. The *STAAR Alternate 2 Paper Format* defaults to "Regular Print." For any students who require a large print version of STAAR Alternate 2, "Large Print" must be selected from the dropdown.

All indicators must be marked prior to **January 6, 2023**, in order for districts to receive 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.

CHROME OS SECURE BROWSER UPDATE AVAILABLE

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 may coordinate this required change with their information technology staff.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Data Entry Interface (DEI) Overview Training Module is now available in the [Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#). This training reviews how designated testing personnel can use DEI to enter and submit data from a paper or holistic test administration for each assessment that is part of the Texas Assessment Program.

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.