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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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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A preliminary version of the 2021–2022 Calendar of Events is available at [TexasAssessment.gov](https://www.texasassessment.gov). Key changes:

- Calendar dates for STAAR Interim Assessments were added.
- Events were reworked to be compatible with the new vendor’s systems, and descriptions were added.

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DECEMBER 2021 STAAR END-OF-COURSE (EOC) ADMINISTRATION

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- Student Registration and Test Attribute Information

Student registration, including submitting test attribute information, for the December 2021 STAAR EOC administration will be available through the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) from **September 15–29, 2021**. The number of students registered in TIDE with test format set to paper and specific test attribute values selected before the last day of the initial order window will be used to determine the quantity of paper test materials delivered in a district's shipment. The number of test administrator manuals delivered will be based on the total number of December STAAR registrations (online or paper).

- To order large print materials, indicate “ON” under the *Large Print* field for a specific subject in the *Test Attributes* panel or upload file.
- Districts must order braille materials in TIDE using the *Test Attributes* panel or upload file. To order contracted braille materials, select “Braille” under the *Presentation* tool field, and then select “UEB Contracted” under the *Refreshable Braille Type* tool field. To order uncontracted braille materials, select “Braille” under the *Presentation* tool field and then select “UEB Uncontracted” under the *Refreshable Braille Type* field. A braille type must be selected for paper or online tests. If a braille type is not selected, braille orders will default to contracted braille.

Refer to the [TIDE User Guide](#) for information on how to register students and submit test attribute information in TIDE.

- Initial Orders

Initial Order Materials Lists will be available in TIDE starting **September 16, 2021**, once a district has submitted student registration and test attribute information. These order lists show the quantities of materials a district is scheduled to receive in the initial shipment and are posted at the district and campus level. Order lists are updated as student registration information is updated in TIDE through the close of the initial order window. You can request additional materials not included in your initial order during the additional order window.

ONLINE PRACTICE TESTS

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Online practice tests are available for STAAR grades 3–8 mathematics and reading, Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History, and Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) reading and listening and speaking assessments in the [Practice Tests Site](#). The online practice tests familiarize students with the general tools, designated supports, and accessibility features that may appear in online tests.

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TEXAS FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT RESOURCE (TFAR)

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TFAR is an optional online formative assessment tool designed to inform teaching decisions and improve instructional supports. TFAR will be available on **September 15, 2021**, in the Authoring tool, which can be accessed from [TexasAssessment.gov](#). Teachers can use this resource to create, administer, analyze, and share formative assessments. Student registration for TFAR is currently available through TIDE. Refer to the [TIDE User Guide](#) for information on how to register students in TIDE. A TFAR Educator Guide with Frequently Asked Questions will be available later this month. In addition, an upcoming Texas Formative Assessment Resource Educator Module will be available **October 1, 2021**.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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Multiple recorded training webinars are available in the [Learning Management System](#) (LMS). In addition to the recording, the original PowerPoint presentation, presenter's notes, and the questions and answers from the live webinars are available.

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](#).