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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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REMINDER—STUDENT REGISTRATION AND TEST ATTRIBUTE INFORMATION

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The student registration window for the December 2021 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]) End-of-Course (EOC) administration closes on **September 29, 2021**. The number of students registered in the Test Information Distribution Engine (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 and paper). Refer to the [TIDE User Guide](#) for information on how to register students and submit test attribute information in TIDE.

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STUDENT DATA REQUESTS

Districts can now request historical scoring reports for students using the file upload process in TIDE. Superintendents, district testing coordinators, or district testing assistants can make these requests. Currently, historical records are available for students who took STAAR in grades 3–8. For STAAR EOC assessments, historical data are available for 2016–2021. Historical records for STAAR Alternate 2, Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), and TELPAS Alternate will be available in October 2021. For instructions on how to request historical scoring reports for students, refer to the [Student Data Request User Guide](#).

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STUDENT INFORMATION IN TIDE

Districts must update all relevant student demographic information, including program information, that is not initially included in the student registration file in TIDE **BEFORE** the last day of the test administration window. Only information available in TIDE can be included in the raw data files that districts receive after each test administration and is included in the consolidated accountability file.

As a reminder, the basis for accountability appeals is related to a data or calculation error attributable to the Texas Education Agency (TEA), an Education Service Center (ESC), or the testing vendors. The appeals process is not an appropriate method to correct data that were inaccurately reported by the district. Appeals based on poor data quality will not receive favorable consideration. Poor data quality can, however, be a reason to lower a district's accreditation status as indicated in the Texas Education Code, [§39.052\(b\)\(2\)\(A\)\(i\)](#).

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STUDENT ASSESSMENT DIVISION UPCOMING TRAININGS

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The Student Assessment Division primarily uses the Texas Education Telecommunications Network (TETN) to provide program updates and training. Districts can access the TETNs through their ESCs. The following trainings are scheduled.

- LPAC Decision-Making Training, October 7, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, ESCs only
- Fall Updates for STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS, and TELPAS Alternate, October 14, 2021, 9:30–11:30 a.m., open to ESCs and districts

2020–2021 Accessibility Updates, October 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, ESCs only

- 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](#).