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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.

OPTIONAL BEGINNING-OF-YEAR (BOY) ASSESSMENTS

- Student Registration

Student registration for the optional BOY assessments is available through the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) until **October 8, 2021**. Refer to the *TIDE User Guide* for information on how to register students and submit test attribute information in TIDE.

- Administration Window

The test administration window for the BOY assessments is **August 16–October 15, 2021**. Refer to the [Optional Beginning-of-Year Assessments](#) webpage for more information and resources, including the following:

- Beginning-of-Year Assessments FAQ—for general program information
- Training videos—to learn about registration and reporting
- Data File Layout—for student results data files
- Courtesy At Home Testing Parent and Student Letter (English and Spanish)—for students who will take BOY assessments at home

- Student Results

Student results, including the confidential campus rosters, district and campus summary reports, and student data files, are available in the Centralized Reporting System (CRS). Refer to the [CRS User Guide \(for Interims and BOY Assessments\)](#) for information on how to view results.

STAAR INTERIM ASSESSMENTS

- Student Registration

Student registration for administration Window 1 is currently available through TIDE. Refer to the *TIDE User Guide* for information on how to register students and submit test attribute information in TIDE.

- Administration Window 1

The STAAR Interim Assessments Administration Window 1 is **September 7–December 17, 2021**. Refer to the [STAAR Interim Assessments](#) webpage for the list of grades/subjects and courses by administration window. The following resources are available to support STAAR Interim Assessment users:

- STAAR Interim Assessments Overview training video—to learn about the purpose and design of the STAAR Interim Assessments
- STAAR Interim Assessments Educator Guide and FAQs—for information about registration and reporting
- STAAR Interim Assessments Educator Training Modules—for teachers to learn about the purpose of STAAR Interim Assessments and how to interpret the data provided
- Data File Layout—for student results data files
- Courtesy At Home Testing Parent and Student Letter (English and Spanish)—for students who will take interim assessments at home

- Student Results

Student results and student data files are available starting September 7, 2021, in the CRS. Refer to the *CRS User Guide (for Interims and BOY Assessments)* for information on how to view results.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Recorded Webinars

The following 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.

- Texas Learning Management System (LMS) Overview
- District Testing Coordinator Overview
- Campus Testing Coordinator Overview
- Beginning-of-Year Assessments Overview
- STAAR Interim Assessments Overview

- Upcoming Training Presentations

The following training presentations will be posted to the LMS in September. Users can access the training on the date indicated and will receive continuing professional education (CPE) credit hours for completion.

- Introduction to the Centralized Reporting System webinar (September 10)
- Cambium Teacher Authoring System training (September 10)
- Interim Assessment Educator Module (September 10)
- Texas Formative Assessment Resource Educator Module (September 17)

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