

June 22, 2010

Subject: Updates to the 2010–2011 Testing Calendar

TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR ADDRESSED:

Please DO NOT reply to this e-mail.

The purpose of this e-mail is notification of a number of updates to the 2010–2011 Student Assessment testing calendar. The revised calendar will be posted to the Texas Education Agency's (TEA's) website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3635&menu_id=793

Updates to the 2010–2011 testing calendar include the following:

- The fall 2010 window for TELPAS holistic rating training of new raters is no longer included. New raters will be trained in the spring. See the April 21, 2010 letter to districts for more information about modifications to TELPAS holistic rating training. Spring schedules for training new and returning raters, as well as supplemental trainers, will be announced in early fall.
- The dates for the ESC training (Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010) and LPAC training (Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010) are now included.
- The list of subjects for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assessments has changed. During the January 24–March 4 window, NAEP assessments are planned for
 - mathematics (grades 4 and 8)
 - reading (grades 4 and 8)
 - science (grade 8)
 - writing (grades 8 and 12)
- The report date for the English I end-of-course operational assessment has changed. Instead of May 20, 2011, the report date for that assessment is now by May 27, 2011.
- The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) name is now included for the field tests that will be administered from April 4–15, 2011. **The stand-alone STAAR field tests for grades 3–8 reading in English and grades 3–5 reading in Spanish have been removed from the calendar. STAAR field-test items will instead be embedded in the operational TAKS reading assessments for these grades.** Stand-alone STAAR field tests will be administered at selected campuses for grade 4 writing (English and Spanish) and grade 7 writing.
- Additional information has been added to the footnote on p. 4 regarding when reports for the May end-of-course operational assessments can be accessed online.
- The dates for the 2011 July exit level retests have been changed to accommodate districts' summer schedules. Instead of retesting from July 12–15 (Tuesday–Friday), districts will retest from July 11–14 (Monday–Thursday). The subject area tests will be administered in the same order.
- The Report Date column format has changed. Instead of indicating a single date or a range of dates, the testing calendar now uses a "report by" format. For planning purposes, districts should not anticipate that reports will be received before the "by" date indicated on the testing calendar.

Please call the Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 if you have any questions about this information.