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SUBJECT: Availability of Released Online TELPAS Reading Tests and TELPAS Student Tutorials

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Released spring 2010 Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) reading tests for grades 2–12 and answer keys are now available from http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/ell/telpas/released-tests. Revised versions of the TELPAS reading tests have been administered since spring 2008. This release is in keeping with TEA's plan to release the TELPAS reading tests every three years.

The tests, which are administered as an online testing program, use the flash-based interface introduced last spring. The tests have been released in a scorable Electronic Practice Assessment Tools (ePAT) format. A new scorable ePAT launcher, version 2.13, is used.

Also available from the link above are updated student tutorials that familiarize students with the online test format, interface, and tools. Districts may use the TELPAS tutorials in conjunction with the released tests and spring 2011 operational tests. Approximately 20 optional sample items are included with each grade-cluster tutorial. Administration directions for the tutorials are provided.

Follow the on-screen instructions for downloading the ePAT launcher, online released tests, and student tutorials. The new version (2.13) of the ePAT launcher must be used. Previous versions of the launcher and student tutorials must be uninstalled before installing the new versions.

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