

September 30, 2011

Subject: Release of STAAR Test Questions

TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR ADDRESSED:

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On Friday, September 30th, released test questions for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) will be posted on the Texas Education Agency's Student Assessment website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/>. The questions included in this release represent selected Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) student expectations for each reporting category on all STAAR grades 3–8 and end-of-course general assessments. These questions are samples only. They are not necessarily representative of the breadth or depth of STAAR assessments because they are examples of only a small portion of the TEKS eligible for assessment. For this reason they should not be used as STAAR test forms or benchmarks.

The purpose of this release is purely informational. It is intended to illustrate how STAAR might assess particular TEKS student expectations and to provide educators, parents, and other stakeholders with examples of the level of student performance that STAAR questions require.

TEA will also post released questions for STAAR Spanish and STAAR Modified by early November.

If you have any questions about the information in this e-mail, please contact the Student Assessment Division at (512) 463-9536.

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