

December 14, 2011

Subject: Development of the 2012–2013 Testing Calendar

TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR ADDRESSED:

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The purpose of this e-mail is ESC and district notification of the development of the 2012–2013 Student Assessment testing calendar. A draft of the calendar for public review 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. Comments and suggestions about the draft of the calendar should be sent to Test.Calendar@tea.state.tx.us by January 13, 2012. Please call the Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 if you have any questions about this information.

Changes new to the 2012–2013 Student Assessment testing calendar include the following:

- For 2012–2013, high school testing weeks will start on a Monday. Middle school and elementary school testing weeks will start on a Tuesday.
- The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) grade 10, TAKS-M grade 10, and TAKS LAT grade 10 subject-area tests will no longer be administered.
- Additional State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) EOC testing will occur in the fall of 2012. STAAR EOC English I, English II, and English III tests will be administered Monday, November 12 through Thursday, November 15. The STAAR EOC testing window for Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, biology, chemistry, physics, world geography, world history, and U.S. history is scheduled for Monday, December 3 through Friday, December 14.
- March TAKS exit level English language arts testing and TAKS exit level retesting will start on Monday, March 4.
- Multiple administrations of STAAR grades 5 and 8 mathematics and reading have been added in 2013 for the Student Success Initiative (SSI). In addition to the spring test dates of April 2 (mathematics) and April 3 (reading), retests will be offered on May 14 (mathematics) and May 15 (reading), as well as June 25 (mathematics) and June 26 (reading).
- Beginning in spring 2013, STAAR will include operational STAAR Modified EOC assessments in English II, world history, and geometry.

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