

April 25, 2012

Subject: Reporting of Student Results for the 2012 STAAR Grades 3–8 Assessments

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

Please DO NOT reply to this e-mail.

The purpose of this e-mail is to update you on the reporting of student results for 2012 grades 3–8 STAAR assessments.

The reporting of student results will occur in two phases. The date for districts to receive Standard and Optional Reports for the March 2012 STAAR grades 5 and 8 mathematics and reading tests was incorrectly reported as April 18, 2012. **Instead, districts will receive reports on May 23, 2012.** This is the same date that districts will receive Standard and Optional Reports for the March 2012 STAAR grades 4 and 7 writing tests and the April 2012 STAAR grades 3–8 tests in mathematics, reading, science, and social studies. Statewide raw score summary reports will be available in June.

These May reports will be available online and will include a student-level data file, confidential student rosters, and summary reports. The reports will show raw score information only. The raw score is the number of items answered correctly on an assessment. By itself a raw score has limited use, since it can be interpreted only in reference to the total number of items on a test. Raw scores should not be compared across tests or administrations.

In addition, TEA will release the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) student expectations assessed on each general STAAR assessment during the 2012 spring administration and will post them on the Student Assessment Division website in late May. In social studies, science, and mathematics, a process student expectation will also be reported if the test question incorporates a process skill. The student-level data file for all general STAAR administrations will include student response information for each question.

The final phase of reporting student results for the STAAR grades 3–8 assessments will occur in January 2013 after performance standards are set; reports will include Confidential Student Reports (CSRs) and Confidential Student Labels. Districts are required to report individual results to parents after receiving the final phase of performance reports. Once this information is available, districts are also required to provide overall assessment results to their local school board at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Confidential Campus Rosters, Campus and District Summary Reports, and data files will be updated once final standards have been applied. Student test results will also be available for use by students, parents, and educators via the data portal within the Texas Assessment Management system. In addition to the student and teacher portals, the analytic reporting tool will be available to allow district personnel to analyze current and historical data and to perform campus –by–campus, campus–by–district, and campus–by–state comparisons.

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

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