

# Texas Educator Certification Program Updates

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# Reminders for Remainder of 2011–12 Testing Year

- Final administration windows for 2011–12 testing year:
  - BTLPT and LOTE (French, German, Latin, Spanish)
    - July 7–14, 2012
  - Limited-administration CAT tests
    - June 13–16, 2012
    - August 15–18, 2012
  - MTT
    - July 21–28, 2012

# Reminders for Remainder of 2011–12 Testing Year (cont'd.)

- Fourth day (Wednesday) added to June and August limited-administration CAT testing windows
- CAT maintenance/annual change (no CAT testing)
  - August 31, 2012

# New/Revised Test Preparation Materials

- New Representative Tests
  - School Librarian (150) August
  - School Counselor (152) August
  - Mathematics 4-8 (115) August
  - English as a Second Language (ESL) Supplemental (154) June

# New/Revised Test Preparation Materials (cont'd.)

- Printed copies of Preparation Manuals will no longer be available for sale (after existing stock is depleted)
  - Allows us to add bookmarks and interactive links in the PDFs posted at [www.texas.ets.org](http://www.texas.ets.org), making them much more user-friendly (a special edition of the EPP Newsletter with additional information about this will be coming out soon)
  - All generic information from the manuals will be available on the Preparation Manual web page and removed from the PDFs, making it easier to print the most critical information needed for studying

# New/Revised Test Preparation Materials (cont'd.)

- A new test preparation resource — *Test at a Glance (TAAG)* — will be available for each test title. Each document will give test takers a quick overview of the test and will include:
  - Test name
  - Test code
  - Length of test
  - Number and types of questions
  - Format (CAT, PBT or both)
  - Domains and approximate percentage of the test
  - Domains and competencies

# New/Revised Test Preparation Materials (cont'd.)

- The creation of this new resource is in response to input from test takers who want to be able to quickly and easily find information about the tests.
- Each test title in the program's list of test titles on the ETS TExES website will have a link to its corresponding *Test at a Glance*.



# New/Revised Test Preparation Materials (cont'd.)

- These *Test at a Glance* documents will replace the “old” test framework documents.
- We expect all *Test at a Glance* documents to be posted by August 2012.

# New/Revised Test Preparation Materials (cont'd.)

- New/revised test preparation manuals
  - Deaf and Hard of Hearing (181)
  - Educational Diagnostician (153)
  - English Language Arts and Reading 4-8 (117)
  - English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies 4-8 (113)
  - Reading Specialist (151)
  - School Counselor (152)
  - School Librarian (150)
  - Theatre (180)
- All of these manuals will be in the new format

# New/Revised Test Preparation Materials (cont'd.)

- New on-demand video about preparing for the TExES tests to be launched in late August 2012.
  - Video will include tips for preparing and studying, along with tips for reducing test anxiety

# Updates for 2012–2013 Testing Year

- The 2012–13 PBT testing schedule has been posted on the ETS TExES website at [www.texas.ets.org](http://www.texas.ets.org).
- Registration opens for 2012–13 PBT testing on July 2.
- Registration Bulletins for the 2012–13 testing year will be posted on July 2.
- Website content updated for the 2012–13 testing year will be posted on August 30.

# Updates for 2012–2013 Testing Year (cont'd.)

- Registration for new CAT tests will open approximately six weeks prior to launch.
- A seventh window for CAT limited-administration tests will be provided.
- All limited-administration CAT test windows will be four days.
- English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) 8–12 (131) will be offered via CAT only; there will be four 4-day administration windows.

# Updates for 2012–2013 Testing Year (cont'd.)

- 2012–13 administration windows (tentative) for (24) **multiple-choice-only** tests:
  - Wed. 10/17 through Sat. 10/20/12
  - Wed. 1/9 through Sat. 1/12/13
  - Wed. 3/6 through Sat. 3/9/13
  - Wed. 4/10 through Sat. 4/13/13
  - Wed. 5/8 through Sat. 5/11/13
  - Wed. 6/19 through Sat. 6/22/13
  - Wed. 8/21 through Sat. 8/24/13

# Updates for 2012–2013 Testing Year (cont'd.)

- 2012–13 BTLPT and LOTE administration windows (tentative):
  - Sat. 9/15 through Sat. 9/22/12
  - Sat. 12/1 through Sat. 12/8/12
  - Sat. 2/9 through Sat. 2/16/13
  - Sat. 4/27 through Sat. 5/4/13
  - Sat. 7/6 through Sat. 7/13/13

*Note: LOTE German and Latin are not offered during the September and February administrations.*

# Updates for 2012–2013 Testing Year (cont'd.)

- MTT and ELAR 8–12 (tentative) administration windows:
  - Wed. 11/7 through Sat. 11/10/12
  - Wed. 1/23 through Sat. 1/26/13
  - Wed. 4/3 through Sat. 4/6/13
  - Wed. 6/12 through Sat. 6/15/13

*Note: ELAR 8–12 moves from PBT-only to CAT-only for 2012–13.*



# Updates for 2012–2013 Testing Year (cont'd.)

- CAT maintenance windows:
  - September 30–October 1, 2012
  - December 27-28, 2012
  - May 5-6, 2013 (tentative)

# Updates for 2012–2013 Testing Year (cont'd.)

- Tests added to those offered via CAT in fall 2012:
  - Dance 8–12 (179)
  - Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (181)
  - English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) 8–12 (131)
  - Journalism 8–12 (156)
  - Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering 8–12 (174)
  - Physics/Math 8–12 (143)
  - PPR for Trade and Industrial Education 8–12 (170)
  - Reading Specialist (151)
  - Social Studies 8–12 (132)
  - Speech 7–12 (129)
  - Visually Impaired (182)

# Updates for 2012–2013 Testing Year (cont'd.)

- For the 2012–13 testing year, Social Studies 8–12 (132) will be offered as both PBT and CAT, with the CAT version offered on a continuous basis beginning September 4.
- The others will be offered only as limited-administration CAT tests.

# Plans for 2013–14 Testing Year

- Plans for the 2013–14 testing year will be provided later in the summer via webinar.
  - Tests moving to CAT
  - Tests with grade-level changes
  - Updated comprehensive test prep plan

# Other Enhancements for the Program

- In January, the ETS Data Manager Tool will be made available to EPPs; EPP Administrators will be able to:
  - Run numerous “Quick Reports” (canned programs) on their educator data (e.g., see how your educators’ results compare to educators’ statewide)
  - Build “Custom Reports,” selecting from a variety of variables (e.g., see how males and females perform on each of the TExES tests taken by your educators)
  - The data will be refreshed on a bi-weekly basis