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To: ESC Testing Coordinators and Special Education Coordinators
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Subject: New Webpage Postings

Several new documents pertaining to STAAR Modified and testing accommodations are scheduled for posting to TEA's Student Assessment Division webpages. Some are available now and some will be posted next week. Check the specific URLs listed with each new posting.

1. **STAAR Modified Questions and Answers** compiled from presentations during the 2011–2012 school year have been updated and reposted on the STAAR Modified Resources web page at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/special-ed/staarm/>.
 - Questions and answers from the April 18, 2012, TETN were added to this document.
2. **STAAR Modified Participation Requirements (English and Spanish)** have been updated for the 2012-2013 school year and reposted at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/special-ed/staarm/partreqs/>.
 - There are no policy or process changes. Steps II and III of the Participation Requirements were simply updated to include STAAR Modified World History since it will be administered for the first time in spring 2013.
 - ARD committees should use this updated document when determining STAAR Modified as an assessment decision. Look for “Effective for the 2012–2013 school year” in the upper left-hand corner.
 - The training PowerPoint, “STAAR Modified Participation Requirements: How to use the state-required documentation form” will be updated to reflect the addition of STAAR Modified World History and posted summer 2012.
3. The **STAAR Modified World History Test Blueprint** can be accessed at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/special-ed/staarm/blueprints/>.
4. **STAAR Modified Performance Labels and Policy Definitions** can be accessed on the STAAR Modified Resources web page at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/special-ed/staarm/>.
 - This document defines Level I: Advanced Academic Performance, Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance, and Level III: Unsatisfactory Academic Performance.
5. **Questions and Answers about Testing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities** compiled from presentations during the 2011–2012 school year have been updated and reposted on the Accommodations for Students with Disabilities web page under Accommodation Policies and Procedures for 2011-2012 at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/accommodations/staar-telpas/>.

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Please forward this email to any relevant campus personnel.