

**SUBJECT: Information Regarding the Release of 2014 STAAR and TELPAS Assessments**

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To the ESC and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

Please DO NOT reply to this email.

This email provides information about the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR<sup>®</sup>), STAAR Modified, and Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) released tests, student data files, item analysis reports, and images of essays and short answer responses.

**RELEASED TESTS**

In August 2014, TEA will release the primary form of the following 2014 general STAAR assessments, which will include the STAAR Spanish grades 3–5 versions of the assessments:

- grades 3–8 mathematics and reading
- grades 4 and 7 writing
- grades 5 and 8 science
- grade 8 social studies
- Algebra I
- biology
- English I and II
- U.S. history

The following 2014 STAAR Modified assessments will be released:

- grades 3–8 mathematics
- grades 6 and 8 reading
- grades 5 and 8 science
- grade 8 social studies
- Algebra I
- biology
- English I and II
- U.S. history

In order to support future test administrations within the STAAR program, it was necessary to remove select reading selections, writing passages and test items from certain tests. Therefore, the following 2014 STAAR Modified assessments will be only partially released:

- grades 3, 4, 5, and 7 reading
- grades 4 and 7 writing

All grades of TELPAS reading tests will be released.

- grade 2 reading
- grade 3 reading
- grades 4–5 reading
- grades 6–7 reading
- grades 8–9 reading
- grades 10–12 reading

In August 2014, all STAAR released assessments listed above will be posted on TEA’s Student Assessment Division website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/testquestions>. The TELPAS released assessments will be posted on TEA’s Student Assessment Division website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/ell/telpas/released-tests/>. For an additional charge, districts may order printed versions of STAAR released tests at <http://www.TexasAssessment.com/publications>.

### **STUDENT DATA FILES**

Item-level data will be available on the spring 2014 student data files for those assessments that have been released in their entirety, with the exception of STAAR Modified U.S. history because performance standards will not be set for that assessment. Refer to the 2014 STAAR grades 3–8, 2014 STAAR end-of-course (EOC), and 2014 TELPAS reporting student data file formats posted on TEA’s Student Assessment Division website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/datafileformats>. However, item-level data will not be provided for the STAAR Modified assessments that will be partially released.

### **ITEM ANALYSIS REPORTS**

For STAAR assessments that will be released in their entirety, with the exception of STAAR Modified U.S. history, the Individual Student Item Analysis Reports and Item Analysis Summary Reports will be provided to districts in August 2014. Item Analysis Summary Reports will be provided at the campus, district, region, and statewide levels. These reports will be available as PDFs on the Texas Assessment Management System, delivered through PearsonAccess. Emails will be sent to districts once the item analysis reports are posted. The item analysis reports will be available for the STAAR, STAAR Modified, and TELPAS assessments that are released in their entirety.

### **IMAGES OF ESSAYS AND SHORT ANSWER RESPONSES**

Districts have the option of ordering PDF versions of essays and short answer responses for the following assessments:

- STAAR and STAAR Modified grade 4 essays

- STAAR and STAAR Modified grade 7 essays
- STAAR English I essays and short answer responses
- STAAR English II essays and short answer responses
- STAAR Modified English I essays
- STAAR Modified English II essays

The PDFs will be provided to districts on the same timeline as the standard reports for the spring STAAR 3–8 and STAAR EOC administrations. Images of the essays and short answer responses will be posted on the Texas Assessment Management System.

Please call TEA’s Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 if you have questions about the 2014 STAAR or TELPAS released tests. However, if you have any questions about the item analysis reports, electronic image essays and short answer responses, or about ordering printed versions of the STAAR released tests, please call Pearson’s Austin Operations Center at 800-627-0225.

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