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Subject: Release of TAKS and TAKS-M Items

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As part of the release plan for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills—Modified (TAKS—M), the Texas Education Agency (TEA) releases the primary form of TAKS and TAKS—M tests every three years. In non-release years, TEA releases a set of representative items that have been field-tested but are no longer eligible for inclusion on a test. The released set of representative TAKS and TAKS—M items for every grade and subject assessed includes an answer key, which provides the objective, the TEKS student expectation, and the correct answer for each item.

The 2010 released set of items is now posted on the TEA website. The items may be found at the following location

TAKS Released Items

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/release/taks_items/index.html

TAKS-M Sample Items

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/special-ed/taksm/sample-items/index.html

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