

July 31, 2019

Subject: Update to 2019–2020 Testing Calendar

To the District and ESC Testing Coordinator Addressed:

The purpose of this communication is to notify you of updates to the 2019–2020 Student Assessment testing calendar based on recent legislative changes.

House Bill 3906, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019, amended the Texas Education Code, §39.023(c-3) to prohibit scheduling the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]) testing on the first instructional day of a week beginning with the 2019–2020 school year.

In response to feedback we requested from district testing coordinators, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has revised the 2019–2020 testing calendar to avoid STAAR testing on Monday, the first instructional day of a week. The revised 2019–2020 Student Assessment testing calendar is posted to TEA's website at

<http://www.tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/calendars/>. This calendar reflects the following changes:

- The December 2019 STAAR end-of-course (EOC) assessments administration (both paper and online) has been adjusted to begin on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Report dates for this administration have not changed.
- The two-week window for the April 2020 STAAR online administrations has been adjusted to April 7–10 and April 14–17. Report dates for this administration are earlier than previously posted.
- The two-week window for the May 2020 STAAR EOC assessments online administration has been adjusted to May 5–8 and May 12–15. Report dates for this administration have not changed.
- The May 2020 STAAR grade 8 science and social studies assessments paper administration has been adjusted as follows:
 - Grade 8 science test—Thursday, May 7, 2020
 - Grade 8 social studies test—Friday, May 8, 2020
- The two-week window for the May 2020 STAAR grades 3–8 assessments online administrations has been adjusted to May 12–15 and May 19–22. Report dates for paper and online administrations are earlier than previously posted.

- The two-week window for the May 2020 STAAR Algebra II assessment online administration has been adjusted to May 12–15 and May 19–22. Report dates for STAAR Algebra II and English III have moved to August 3, 2020.
- The June 2020 STAAR EOC assessments administration (both paper and online) has been adjusted to begin on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Report dates for this administration have not changed.

There are no changes to the scheduled testing windows or reporting dates for STAAR Alternate 2, the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), or TELPAS Alternate.

Testing calendars for the 2020–2021 and 2021–2022 school years have also been revised in a similar manner to avoid STAAR testing on Monday. Based on these changes, the future reporting dates are being reviewed and have been replaced with “TBD”. The revised calendars are posted on the TEA website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/calendars/>.

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

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