

Subject Line: 2010–2011 TELPAS Planning Information

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TO ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATORS:

Please DO NOT reply to this e-mail.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide advance information to assist districts in planning for this spring's TELPAS activities. This communication is being copied to the ESC and district bilingual/ESL contacts on record with the TEA Student Assessment Division.

Spring TELPAS Dates

The following table shows key dates and activities for this spring's holistically rated TELPAS components.

Date	Activity
Jan 3	Assembling and Verifying Grades 2–12 Writing Collections course available
Jan 3–7	TELPAS manual in districts
Jan 7	End date for district coordinator training – all TELPAS components
Jan 10	Launch of online basic training courses for new K–1 and 2–12 raters
Jan 21	End date for campus coordinator training – holistically assessed components
Jan 18–Feb 1	TEA conducts supplemental support provider Web-based trainings
Jan 31	First two calibration sets available for all raters
Feb 1	End date for training raters on administration procedures
Feb 1	Earliest eligibility date for TELPAS writing samples
Feb 16	Third and final calibration set available; supplemental rater training begins (though supplemental training may begin earlier, set 3 not available until Feb 16)
Mar 7–Apr 8	TELPAS assessment window

TELPAS Site Code and Updating Rater Information

Before the training courses become available this spring, districts should encourage previously trained raters who will rate students this spring to log on to the Texas TrainingCenter (<http://www.TexasAssessment.com/telpasonlinetraining>) and update their information from the *My Info* tab if necessary.

Personnel who will assist in the monitoring of rater training but who do not have an account in the TrainingCenter should register to establish an account. The site code **telpas2010** should be used to register in the TrainingCenter. A new site code will be sent out in early January for districts to distribute to new raters and other personnel registering in the spring.

Returning Rater Planning Roster

In mid-November this roster of returning raters will be available from the *Access Your Reports* section of the TrainingCenter to personnel with administrative access. This roster uses the TrainingCenter's learning management system (LMS) records from the 2008–2009 and 2009–

2010 school years to generate a list of recently trained raters by campus. Raters who completed rater training in the 2007–2008 school year or before but have not completed training since are not included on the roster in keeping with TEA’s recommendation (to be included in the 2011 district and campus coordinator manual) that districts consider requiring individuals to repeat *new rater* training if they have not rated students for TELPAS in several years.

The LMS records used to generate the returning rater roster may not be fully accurate in situations where users have multiple accounts, outdated *My Info* information, etc. It is important for rater information to be current so that the roster may be as complete as possible.

The returning rater roster is provided as an aid to help district and campus testing coordinators evaluate how many returning raters they have and then determine how many new raters they will need in preparation for making rater training assignments.

TELPAS Supplemental Training Process

A new supplemental training model is being implemented this year to support the needs of raters who do not calibrate by the end of the second calibration set. TEA will conduct several supplemental support provider training-of-trainer (TOT) sessions through Web-based training to help prepare districts to meet the needs of these raters. The new training model is intended to enable districts to provide raters with supplemental support locally, without the need for raters to travel to an ESC. The Web-based training dates are

Training Dates	
Date	Time (CT)
January 18	1:00–4:30
January 20	8:30–12:00
January 24	1:00–4:30
January 26	8:30–12:00
January 31	1:00–4:30
February 1	8:30–12:00

In mid-November an e-mail will be sent detailing how to register for these training sessions. Space for each Web-based training session will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis until each session is filled.

January 7 TETN

On January 7 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., TEA will host a TETN titled "TELPAS Online Holistic Rating Training System" (event #8302). This is a review session for coordinators who would like more information on using the updated TELPAS TrainingCenter website to monitor spring holistic rating training activities. Details will be shared about spring online holistic rating training, training reports, and the Local Media Option. (The Local Media Option provides a contingency plan to help campuses or districts that have limited Internet connections, network bandwidth limitations, and/or experience slow response times when multiple users access videos at the same time.)

January 21 TETN

On January 21 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., TEA will host a TETN titled "TELPAS Online Testing and Data Submission" (event #8304) to review the TELPAS components of the Texas Assessment Management System. This session will provide testing personnel with an opportunity to see a demonstration of the TELPAS online testing components of the new system and ask questions.

Support

Much of the information in this communication was provided during the September 2010 ELL assessment TETN and may be reviewed in more detail in the PowerPoint presentation titled "ELL

Assessment Fall Update,” which is available under the Resources heading at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/ell>. If you have any questions after reviewing this communication and the PowerPoint presentation, please feel free to send an e-mail to the TEA Student Assessment Division at ell.tests@tea.state.tx.us, or call (512) 463-9536 and ask for a member of the TELPAS team.

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