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TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR ADDRESSED:

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SUBJECT: End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Reference Materials

This communication is to inform districts that there has been a change regarding EOC assessment reference materials, such as formula charts and the periodic table. As we move to paper administrations of EOC assessments starting this spring, districts are no longer required to print and distribute reference materials to students taking EOC assessments in mathematics and science. These materials will be included in paper test booklets and will be available in the online testing system. This change not only provides a cohesive delivery of materials to students regardless of a paper or online administration, but it eliminates districts’ responsibility to print and distribute these materials as they prepare for the various test administrations.

Please note that for printed test booklets, EOC assessment reference materials will be located in the beginning of each paper test booklet. In the online test the reference materials will be accessible as an Exhibit window. A separate window will open within TestNav and students can use the tabs to choose the appropriate reference material.

Additionally as these reference materials will be available to students via the online test and the paper test booklet, they will no longer be posted on the eMeasurement Resources page for the online administrations of the EOC assessments.

If you have general questions related to online testing, please contact Pearson’s Austin Operations Center at 800-252-9186.

If you have questions about the EOC assessment reference materials or the EOC assessments in general, please contact the Student Assessment Division of the Texas Education Agency at 512-463-9536.