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SUBJECT: Accommodation Use on the Spring 2011 End-of-Course (EOC) Operational Assessments and Field Tests

TO THE ESC AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATORS ADDRESSED

Please DO NOT reply to this e-mail.

This e-mail provides essential information regarding accommodation use on the spring 2011 EOC operational assessments and field tests and clarifies information contained in other manuals. High school campus administrators and testing coordinators should use this information to guide EOC assessment participation decisions for students who are eligible to use accommodations.

If the student is enrolled in a course with an EOC assessment, the student may be required to participate in the EOC operational assessments and field tests depending on the accommodation(s) the student receives on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) or TAKS (Accommodated). Students who take TAKS–Modified or TAKS–Alternate are not eligible to participate.

- Students who are taking TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) in 2011 with accommodations that are listed in the *2010–2011 Accommodations Manual* as requiring an Accommodation Request Form **DO NOT** participate in the spring 2011 EOC operational assessments and field tests. Accommodation Request Forms are not required and will not be accepted for EOC assessments administered in spring 2011.
- Students who are taking TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) in 2011 with accommodations that are listed in the *2010–2011 Accommodations Manual* as allowable without an Accommodation Request Form **DO** participate in the spring 2011 EOC operational assessments and field tests. For example, a student who takes TAKS (Accommodated) and meets the eligibility criteria for supplemental aids may use the ones listed in Appendix D on his or her EOC operational assessments and field tests.
- Students who are taking TAKS (Accommodated) in 2011 solely because they need the format differences offered on the TAKS (Accommodated) form **DO** participate in the EOC operational assessments and field tests.
- The accommodation of oral administration has certain restrictions. Refer to the *2010–2011 Accommodations Manual* for oral administration eligibility criteria. For students who qualify for an oral administration of TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) in 2011, an oral administration of the Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, biology, chemistry, physics, world geography, and U.S. history EOC operational assessments is allowed. An oral administration is not

allowed for the English I EOC operational assessment or the EOC field tests in English II, English III, and world history.

- Linguistic accommodations for English language learners (ELLs) are not available for the spring 2011 EOC operational assessments and field tests. Information about whether to include ELLs in the spring 2011 EOC assessments and field tests is found in the *2011 District and Campus Coordinator Manual Supplement*.

Accommodation policies, including linguistic accommodations, for the STAAR™ program are being developed and information will be communicated to districts when it is available. If you have any questions regarding the information in this e-mail, call TEA's Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536.

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