SUBJECT: Information Regarding the Release of 2013 STAAR Assessments

July 30, 2013

To the ESC and District Administrator Addressed:

Please DO NOT reply to this email.

The purpose of this email is to notify you of the availability of several new resources that will provide districts with specific information about the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®).

RELEASED TESTS

On August 5, 2013, TEA will be releasing the primary administration of the following 2013 general STAAR assessments:

- grades 3–8 mathematics and reading
- grades 4 and 7 writing
- grades 5 and 8 science
- grade 8 social studies
- Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II
- biology, chemistry, physics
- English I, II, and III writing
- English I, II, and III reading
- world history, world geography, U.S. history

The released tests will include STAAR Spanish grades 3–5 versions of the assessments.

All the assessments listed above will be posted on TEA’s Student Assessment Division website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/testquestions. Printed versions of the released tests may be ordered online for an additional charge. Ordering will also be available beginning on August 5, 2013, at http://www.TexasAssessment.com/publications.

ITEM ANALYSIS REPORTS

The Individual Student Item Analysis Reports and Item Analysis Summary Reports for STAAR will be provided to districts August 5, 2013. Item Analysis Summary Reports will be provided at the campus, district, region, and statewide levels. These reports will be available in PDF format on the Texas Assessment Management System. Emails will be sent to districts once the item analysis reports are posted. The item analysis reports will be available for the following test administrations:

- 2013 April STAAR Grades 4 and 7 Writing
- 2013 April STAAR Grades 5 and 8 Mathematics and Reading
- 2013 April STAAR Grades 3–8
2013 May STAAR End-of-Course (EOC)
Includes reports for Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, biology, chemistry, physics, English I writing, English I reading, English II writing, English II reading, English III writing, English III reading, world geography, world history, and U.S. history

For additional information, refer to the 2012–2013 Interpreting Assessment Reports guide, which is available on TEA’s Student Assessment Division website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/interpguide.

IMAGES OF ESSAYS AND SHORT ANSWER ITEMS

Images of essays for the April 2013 English II writing assessment and short answer responses for the April 2013 English II reading assessment will be provided to districts for all students at no charge.

In addition, the following PDF versions will be provided on August 5 to those districts that placed orders to receive optional images:

- STAAR grade 4 writing essays
- STAAR grade 7 writing essays
- STAAR English I writing essays and English I reading short answer responses
- STAAR English III writing essays and English III reading short answer responses

Districts will be notified when their electronic images have been posted to the Texas Assessment Management System.

Please call TEA’s Student Assessment Division at (512) 463-9536 if you have questions about the 2013 STAAR released tests or item analysis reports. Call Pearson’s Austin Operations Center at 800-627-0225 if you have any questions either about the electronic image essays and short answer responses or about ordering printed versions of the STAAR released tests.

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