SUBJECT: Standardized Oral Administration Resources

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To the ESC and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

This email is to notify you of the availability of resources for the 2014 standardized oral administration (SOA) of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®). SOA for the STAAR program will be offered statewide as an option for oral administration in several grades and subjects. The 2014 SOA is available to eligible students in grade 4 mathematics and reading, grade 7 mathematics and reading, and grade 8 science and social studies.

SOA resources, as well as additional information about administering SOA, are available for districts at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/soa and include the following.

- **SOA Student Tutorial**: It is recommended that any students taking SOA be administered the SOA student tutorial prior to testing so that they can become familiar with both the testing interface and the audio component used in standardized oral administrations.
- **SOA Student Tutorial Directions**: Use these directions with the SOA Student Tutorial to help guide students with the functionality of the SOA tools.
- **STAAR Test Forms Used in the 2013 SOA Pilot**: The test forms from the April 2013 SOA pilot are available for districts to use with eligible students who will be participating in the STAAR SOA in 2014.

For information on eligibility, visit the Accommodation Resources page at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/accommodations. If you have additional questions, contact the Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536. If you require technical assistance, call Pearson’s Austin Operations Center at 800-627-0225 or email at AOCAnswers@support.pearson.com.

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