

November 8, 2016

TO THE DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR AND ESC ADDRESSED:

Subject: Development of the 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 Student Assessment Testing Calendars

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The purpose of this email is to notify school districts and education service centers about the posting of draft versions of the 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 Student Assessment testing calendars. The drafts of these calendars are available for public review and will be posted to the Texas Education Agency's (TEA's) website at <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/calendars/>. Comments and suggestions about the drafts should be sent to Test.Calendar@tea.texas.gov by November 30, 2016.

Updates to the calendar include the following:

- The April administrations of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]) assessments are scheduled for the first full week in April. For 2017–2018 the STAAR grades 4 and 7 writing, grades 5 and 8 mathematics and reading, English I, and English II assessments are scheduled to be administered April 3–5, 2018. For 2018–2019 the assessments are scheduled to be administered April 2–4, 2019. Report dates have been adjusted accordingly.
- The May administrations of the STAAR assessments are scheduled for the first full week in May. For 2017–2018 the STAAR grades 3–4 and 6–7 mathematics and reading, grades 5 and 8 mathematics and reading (retest), grades 5 and 8 science, and grade 8 social studies assessments and STAAR Algebra I, biology, and U.S. History assessments are scheduled to be administered May 7–10, 2018. For 2018–2019 the assessments are scheduled to be administered May 6–10, 2019. Report dates have been adjusted accordingly.
- The summer administrations of the STAAR assessments are scheduled for late June. For 2017–2018 the STAAR grades 5 and 8 mathematics and reading (retest) and STAAR EOC assessments are scheduled to be administered June 25–29, 2018. For 2018–2019, the assessments are scheduled to be administered June 24–28, 2019. Report dates have been adjusted accordingly.
- Report dates for the STAAR English III and Algebra II voluntary assessments have changed and these assessments will now be reported on the same date. For 2017–2018 these assessments will be reported by August 10, 2018. For 2018–2019 these assessments will be reported by August 9, 2019.

- The redesigned Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) will be administered for the first time in spring 2018. Performance standards will be set after the spring administration. Report dates are to be determined (TBD).

Please call the Student Assessment Division at (512) 463-9536 if you have any questions about this information.