

MEDICAL EXCEPTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS—STAAR ALTERNATE 2 AND TELPAS ALTERNATE

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Name of District Personnel Completing Form _____ Position _____

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

If the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee has previously determined that a student meets the eligibility criteria for STAAR Alternate 2 and TELPAS Alternate and the student is being considered for a medical exception designation, the ARD committee, in conjunction with LPAC as necessary, must discuss the eligibility criteria below. At least one of the specific medical conditions listed below should describe the medical condition of the student. Additionally the ARD committee must discuss the three assurances. All of these assurances must be initialed by district personnel in order for the student to receive a medical exception. Students qualifying for a medical exception will not be required to participate in the administration of STAAR Alternate 2 and TELPAS Alternate for any course, subject, or domain for which they are enrolled in the current year. A score code of 'M' must be recorded for all tests the student would have taken. Assessment decisions must be communicated to necessary personnel.

Specific Medical Condition Eligibility Criteria

- The student is unable to respond to test questions due to a terminal or degenerative illness.
- The student is receiving extensive short-term medical treatment due to a medical emergency or serious injury in an accident.
- The student is unable to interact with peers or educators without risk of infection or contamination to himself/herself or others.
- The student is unable to receive sufficient or consistent homebound services due to medical issues.

Discuss and Initial Assurances

If the medical condition of the student is described by at least one of the eligibility criteria, the ARD committee must discuss the following assurances. All three assurances must be initialed by district personnel for the student to be eligible for the alternate assessment medical exception. The ARD committee must ensure the medical exception is documented in the student's individualized education program (IEP), this form must be included in the IEP, and necessary personnel must have a record of the testing decision.

_____ The medical incident or condition must prevent the student from participating in sufficient instruction offered at school, at home, at a hospital, or at a residential facility.

_____ The information used to make the medical exception determination must reflect the student's situation just prior to and throughout the testing window.

_____ The medical incident or condition must be identified and verified in writing by a licensed physician and kept on file by the local district.