



To the Administrator Addressed

Commissioner Mike Morath

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DATE:	February 6, 2020
SUBJECT:	House Bill 3 (HB3) K-2 Diagnostic Update: Commissioner-Approved Diagnostic Tools for Grades 1-2
CATEGORY:	Early Childhood Education
NEXT STEPS:	Vendor Call: Application for Commissioner-Approved List of Diagnostic Tools for Grades 1-2

TEA seeks diagnostic tools for inclusion on the commissioner-approved list for grades 1-2. This correspondence serves as a notice of the launch of a competitive authorization process through which eligible entities can apply for inclusion on the list.

Overview of Changes

House Bill (HB) 3 was passed by the 86th Texas Legislature, 2019, and signed into law by Governor Abbott on June 11, 2019. HB 3 requires the commissioner to ensure a kindergarten through grade 2 reading instrument is made available to districts at no cost. Additionally, TEC 28.006 (b) requires the commissioner to adopt a list of reading instruments that school districts may use to diagnose student reading development and comprehension. On November 21, 2019, the Texas Education Agency (TEA or agency) released an [HB 3 in 30 K-2 Diagnostics video](#), along with a PowerPoint document and related materials.

HB 3 Grade 1 and 2 Diagnostics Update

Today, the agency announces that a competitive authorization process is now available to determine the commissioner-approved diagnostic tools for grades 1-2. Eligible entities may visit the [Early Childhood Education web page](#) to access the application and submit a Notice of Intent to Apply. Prospective applicants should reference the Grades 1 and 2 rubrics to ensure they meet the criteria and application requirements.

Questions

If you have any questions related to this letter regarding K-2 diagnostics under HB 3, please contact the Division of Early Childhood by email at earlychildhoodeducation@tea.texas.gov or email HB3info@tea.texas.gov. We will be compiling answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the <https://tea.texas.gov/hb3> webpage as well as TEA's [Early Childhood Education](#) webpage.

Sincerely,

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State Director of Early Childhood Education