

June 26, 2020

Subject: Update to 2020–2021 Testing Calendar

To the District and ESC Testing Coordinator Addressed:

The purpose of this communication is to notify you of updates to the 2020–2021 Student Assessment testing calendar.

Due to the impact of the current public health crisis, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is providing Texas school districts and open-enrollment charter schools with optional extended online testing windows for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]) administrations for the 2020–2021 school year. The testing windows for STAAR Alternate 2, reading tests for the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), and TELPAS Alternate have also been extended for this coming school year. The updated 2020–2021 Student Assessment testing calendar reflects these optional extended testing windows, most of which have been previously communicated.

- The online testing window has been extended for both STAAR 3–8 assessments and STAAR end-of-course (EOC) assessments:
 - two weeks for the December 2020 STAAR EOC assessments (December 8–18),
 - five weeks for the April 2021 STAAR grades 3–8 and EOC assessments (April 6–May 7),
 - five weeks for the May 2021 STAAR EOC assessments (May 4–June 4),
 - five weeks for the May 2021 STAAR grades 3–8 assessments (May 11–June 11), and
 - two weeks for the June 2021 STAAR grades 3–8 and EOC assessments (June 22–July 2).
- Due to test security issues, tests with writing components—STAAR grade 4 writing, grade 7 writing, English I, and English II—have been assigned designated days within each week of the five-week online testing window extension.
- The STAAR Alternate 2 testing window has been extended to include:
 - a two-week preview window (March 15–26) and
 - a six-week test administration window (March 29–May 7).
- The TELPAS testing window has been extended by a week only for grades 2–12 reading; it is now a seven-week test administration window (February 22–April 9). The extended testing window does not include TELPAS grades K–1 reading assessments or TELPAS grades K–12 listening, speaking, or writing assessments. The test dates for these administrations remain the same.
- The TELPAS Alternate testing window has been extended by a week; it is now a seven-week test administration window (February 22–April 9).
- Beginning in spring 2021, districts will be able to access individual student STAAR testing results through new on-demand data files. The initial availability of the on-demand data files will be noted

on the Calendar of Events, which will be posted in August. All other reporting dates will also be communicated in the Calendar of Events.

The revised 2020–2021 Student Assessment testing calendar is posted to the TEA website at <http://www.tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/calendars/>. You may also find additional information about these changes in the *Online Testing Window Extensions* document posted on the TEA COVID-19 website at <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/covid-19-support-student-assessment>.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact us at the [Student Assessment Division Help Desk](#) or by phone at (512) 463-9536.

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