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Subject: December 2020 STAAR EOC Assessment Guidance

To the ESC and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

The purpose of this communication is to provide information regarding the administration of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) end-of-course (EOC) assessments in December.

A frequently asked questions guidance document has been posted on the <u>COVID-19 Support</u>: <u>Student Assessment</u> webpage in response to districts' concerns regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the December 2020 STAAR administration. As part of this guidance, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is providing additional flexibility for the administration of the STAAR English I and English II EOC assessments in December.

STAAR English I is scheduled to be administered on Tuesday, December 8, and STAAR English II is scheduled to be administered on Thursday, December 10. If a district is unable to follow the current TEA one-day administration schedule for these assessments while complying with local health guidelines, the district can request a two-day administration (across two consecutive days) for English I and English II. To make this request, the district must complete the request webform accessible from the link below:

Request Webform



After submitting the request, districts will receive an auto-generated receipt by email. This receipt is only acknowledging that the request has been received. Once the request has been processed, districts will receive an email indicating whether the request has been approved or denied or if more information is needed. To ensure your request is processed in a timely manner, you need to complete all indicated fields in the webform, including the specific information requested.

If you have questions about the information in this communication, submit your inquiries to TEA using the <u>Student Assessment Help Desk</u>.

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