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## SUBJECT: Updated SY24–25 Paper and Braille Security Instructions for STAAR Interim Assessments

This communication is to inform you of the following information concerning the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR<sup>®</sup>) Interim Assessments.

Paper and braille versions of interim assessments follow the same security guidelines as other interim assessments. See the Secure Materials section of the <u>STAAR Interim Assessments Educator Guide</u> for more information. In addition to the security guidelines in the educator guide, the following guidelines apply:

- For paper administrations, all paper testing materials must be destroyed after the test has been administered and student responses have been entered in the Data Entry Interface (DEI).
- For braille administrations:
  - Window 1 braille testing materials are to be retained for Window 3 testing (if applicable for the district).
  - Window 2 braille testing materials are not to be retained after the testing window.
  - After student responses for paper braille are entered in DEI, all testing materials must be destroyed at the end of Window 2 or 3.
  - Existing braille materials from the 2023–2024 school year may be kept for practice.
  - Districts needing braille practice materials can use the <u>Order Form for STAAR Braille</u> <u>Released Tests</u> to access released STAAR tests in braille for a fee.

Any violation of security or confidentiality must be reported to the TEA Student Assessment Division.

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