

June 23, 2021

Subject: New Training Activities for the Texas Assessment Program

To the Regional and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of new training activities for the Texas Assessment Program.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA), in partnership with Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI) and Pearson, is developing a series of trainings to support a successful transition to new assessment vendors for the 2021–2022 school year. Part of this transition includes a new Texas Assessment Learning Management System (LMS) that will launch on July 12, 2021.

The new LMS will contain training resources for all state assessments: State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®), STAAR Interim Assessments, STAAR Alternate 2, Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), and TELPAS Alternate. With this new system, users will be able to register for training events and educator committee meetings, access recorded webinars and slide decks, and complete online training.

The first training that is now available is a *New Vendors Overview*. This recorded presentation is available on the TEA website at: [New Texas Assessment Program Vendor Information](#). The table below provides information on training opportunities that have been scheduled through the summer. Registration links for the applicable trainings will be posted in the new LMS on July 12.

Training Events	Brief Description	Audience and Access	Date
New Vendors Overview	Learn about the assessment vendors, CAI and Pearson	Audience: All Access: Recorded presentation at New Texas Assessment Program Vendor Information	Wednesday June 23, 2021
Introduction to the Learning Management System	Learn how to access training for the Texas Assessment Program	Audience: All Access: Recorded presentation in LMS	Monday July 12, 2021
Technology Requirements Overview	Learn how to prepare network and student devices to support the testing	Audience: Technology coordinators Access: Register for live webinar in LMS	Tuesday July 20, 2021
District Testing Coordinator Overview	Get an overview of the new systems supporting the Texas Assessment Program	Audience: District testing coordinators Access: Register for live webinar in LMS	Tuesday July 27, 2021

Campus Testing Coordinator Overview	Get an overview of the new systems supporting the Texas Assessment Program	Audience: Campus testing coordinators Access: Register for live webinar in LMS	Tuesday August 3, 2021
Virtual Practice Training	Practice registering users, adding student test settings, and other administrative activities	Audience: Testing coordinators Access: Register for only one live webinar in LMS	Wednesday August 4, 2021 Thursday August 5, 2021 Tuesday August 10, 2021 Thursday August 12, 2021
STAAR Interim Assessment Overview	Get an overview of this free, optional tool that provides educators with actionable data	Audience: Testing coordinators and other educators Access: Recorded presentation in LMS	Friday August 20, 2021
Introduction to the Centralized Reporting System	Learn about the Centralized Reporting System (CRS) that provides student performance reports	Audience: Testing coordinators Access: Register for live webinar in LMS	Tuesday August 31, 2021

New systems used to support the Texas Assessment Program will be available in late July and August. The table below provides a brief description of the CAI systems and their release dates.

Key System Releases	Description	Date
Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE)	TIDE is used for administrative tasks like managing student enrollments, maintaining demographic data, setting student test attributes, ordering and tracking materials, and other activities.	Friday July 30, 2021
Test Delivery System (TDS)	TDS is the application that enables students to take online tests.	Monday August 16, 2021
Centralized Reporting System (CRS)	CRS is the application that allows users to access student reports and campus and district aggregate data for state assessments.	Monday August 16, 2021

If you have any questions regarding this information, please submit them to TEA using the Student Assessment [Help Desk](#).

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