

April 7, 2021

Subject: April 2021 STAAR Online Testing Update

To the ESC and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

The purpose of this communication is to provide an update regarding online testing for the April 2021 administration of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) grade 4 writing, grade 7 writing, and English I tests.

Districts have been able to resume online testing as of this morning with no statewide system issues. The system is operating as expected at this time.

Students affected by the technical difficulties on April 6th may resume online testing at any time during the five weeks scheduled for the April administration using the same test ticket that was issued for April 6th. Students who resume online testing will find their answers saved in the online system. This includes partial written responses that the student began (even if the student resumes testing in a different week within the five-week window). In addition, the questions previously responded to by students on April 6th will not be locked when students resume online testing. As of now, the dictionary functionality in the online platform is disabled. Please make handheld dictionaries available for students to use during testing as indicated in the [STAAR Dictionary Policy](#).

The STAAR results this year are for learning and recovery. Districts and campuses will use STAAR to identify learning gaps. State and district leaders will use the results to ensure the schools and students in greatest need receive resources for recovery.

If you have questions about the information in this communication, submit your inquiries to TEA using the [Student Assessment Help Desk](#).

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