

To the District and ESC Testing Coordinator Addressed:

Texas is requesting a waiver from the United States Education Department (USED) regarding the 1.0 percent threshold on the percentage of students statewide who participate in alternate assessments aligned with alternate academic achievement standards (AA-AAAS) during the 2017–2018 school year.

The purpose of this email is to notify districts that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has provided notice and information regarding this waiver request to the general public by publishing a notice in the *Texas Register* on Friday, November 10, 2017. The [Draft of Texas's Waiver Request Regarding STAAR Alternate 2](#) is available on the TEA website. You may submit comments regarding this waiver request through 5:00 PM (CT), Monday, December 11, 2017, via email to assessmentwaiver@tea.texas.gov.

Note that TEA will not respond to individual comments but will incorporate the comments from districts in finalizing the waiver requests before submission to the USED.

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