

December 19, 2018

Subject: Important Assessment Updates

To the District and ESC Testing Coordinator Addressed:

This communication is to inform school districts and charter schools of important information on STAAR Interim Assessments and former TAKS examinees.

STAAR INTERIM ASSESSMENTS STUDENT DATA FILES

Based on feedback received from interim assessment users and educators, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will provide student-level data files for the 2018–2019 STAAR Interim Assessments on a weekly basis beginning **December 20, 2018**. These are the same student-level data files previously anticipated for release twice per year—once at the end of each testing window. Moving forward, the student data file will be posted and updated by Thursday of each week. The file serves as a complement to the Online Reporting Suite and can help tailor instructional practices to address students' needs.

The student data file will be posted to the STAAR Assessment Management System at <http://www.TexasAssessment.com/> in the *Reports > Results* tab. The initial data file consists of students who have submitted tests from August 31–December 14, 2018. For information about the interim data file format, see the *STAAR Interim Assessments User's Guide* at [https://www.texasassessment.com/uploads/2018-2019 Interim Assessments User Manual.pdf](https://www.texasassessment.com/uploads/2018-2019%20Interim%20Assessments%20User%20Manual.pdf).

Please note that English I and English II do not assess Reporting Category 4. This will be identified within the data file in the strengths and weaknesses fields as a "9" value and a "0" value within the raw score field.

REQUESTS FOR TAKS RESULTS

Based on legislation passed in 2017, TEA no longer administers the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). Districts and former TAKS examinees are encouraged to maintain state test results. However, if test results for a former TAKS examinee cannot be located, historical student TAKS score data can be found in the Student Portal. To retrieve student data, a user needs to enter either:

- 1) A unique access code and date-of-birth or
- 2) Name, Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) number, and date-of-birth.

For questions or assistance regarding the interim assessment data files or TAKS results, contact the Texas Assessment Support Center at 855-333-7770, STAAR3-8@ets.org, STAAREOC@ets.org, or via live chat through the STAAR Assessment Management System.