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Subject: Development of the 2025–2026 Student Assessment Testing Calendar

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To the Education Service Center and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

The purpose of this communication is to notify Texas public school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and Education Service Centers (ESCs) about the posting of a draft version of the 2025–2026 Student Assessment Testing Calendar. In addition, updated versions of the 2024–2025 and 2023–2024 Student Assessment Testing Calendars are available. The drafts of these testing calendars are posted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website at <a href="http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/calendars/">http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/calendars/</a>.

These three testing calendars have been developed based on educators' requests to receive the spring State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR<sup>®</sup>) results before the end of the school year. To address this request, the spring STAAR testing windows have been moved up one week. The calendars maintain:

- two-week online testing windows for all STAAR assessments and
- the testing windows for STAAR Alternate 2, the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), and TELPAS Alternate.

In addition, a stand-alone field test for STAAR is scheduled for February 2024. More information regarding the stand-alone field test will be provided later this year in a separate communication.

TEA is accepting public comments on the draft versions of the 2025–2026, 2024–2025, and 2023–2024 Student Assessment Testing Calendars. Public comments on the draft calendars should be sent to <u>Test.Calendar@tea.texas.gov</u> by **Friday, March 31, 2023**.

If you have general questions about the Texas Assessment Program, contact TEA using the Student Assessment <u>Help Desk</u>.

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