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| DATE: | December 6, 2019 |
| SUBJECT: | Update on the Single, Statewide Assessment for Reclassification of English Learners, Effective 2019-2020 School Year |
| CATEGORY: | Required English Learner (EL) Programs |
| NEXT STEPS: | Share with appropriate staff responsible for ordering EL assessments |

TEA replaced its *Commissioner's List of Approved Tests* with single, statewide assessments for English Learner reclassification, effective in the 2019-2020 school year, as per requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), as articulated in the Title III, Part A section of the Texas ESSA State Plan, and pursuant to TEC § 29.056 (G)(2) and 19 Texas Administrative Code ([TAC](#)) § 89.1226.

TEA posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) on January 24, 2019 and selected Riverside Insights and its Statewide Academic Achievement Test English Learner Reclassification for Grades 1, 2, 11, and 12 as the single statewide language proficiency test provider for English learner reclassification in Texas on November 5, 2019.

However, TEA is allowing for LEAs to administer the English learner reclassification test with materials from the previous school year (Commissioner's List of Approved Tests 2018-2019) until the end of the 2019-2020 school year, or until materials from the previous school year have been exhausted; whichever comes first.

New orders of assessments for the purpose of English learner reclassification other than the Riverside Insights tests are not allowed, as the procurement process has been completed and Riverside Insights is the sole vendor for this assessment. A full transition to the Riverside Insights tests must be completed by August 2020.

With it currently being the middle of the 2019-20 school year, TEA encourages you to follow these steps immediately to begin the ordering and implementation process.

- Step 1: District Survey
 - Completed by Test Director/Bilingual Director/Coordinator or designated District Administrator (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H3L7BXC>) by Friday, December 13
- Step 2: TEA-Riverside Website
 - Please visit the TEA-Riverside Insights website for ordering and training information, at: <https://www.riverside-assessments.com/texas-assessment>
- Step 3: Ordering Materials
 - Order forms are available for two test administration formats: online testing and paper/pencil materials with hand scoring
- Step 4: Training
 - Prior to testing, districts will be required to attend test administration trainings

Riverside Insights' customer service can be reached at: (800) 323-9540

If you have any questions, please reach out to EnglishLearnerSupport@tea.texas.gov.