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To ESC and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

To satisfy the legislative requirements of House Bill 3906, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is field testing multiple-choice writing items in the spring 2020 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]) reading assessments. Specific test forms for the April 2020 STAAR grades 5 and 8 reading assessments and the May 2020 STAAR grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 reading assessments will include embedded field-test items that assess revising and editing skills. TEA is recommending that campuses avoid using the forms noted below for oral/signed administrations of the paper version STAAR reading assessments.

TEST	FORMS
STAAR grade 3 reading	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
STAAR Spanish grade 3 reading	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
STAAR grade 4 reading	10, 11, 12, 13, 14
STAAR Spanish grade 4 reading	10, 11, 12, 13, 14
STAAR grade 5 reading	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 85
STAAR Spanish grade 5 reading	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
STAAR grade 6 reading	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
STAAR grade 7 reading	10, 11, 12, 13, 14
STAAR grade 8 reading	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

If a student who qualifies for oral/signed administration receives a test form that includes writing field-test items, the test administrator is still responsible for providing the accommodation as documented. Therefore, districts should ensure that test administrators are trained in the oral/signed administration of both reading and writing assessments to avoid any testing irregularities. Additional guidance has been added to the [Oral/Signed Administration Guidelines](#) to help test administrators familiarize themselves with what can and cannot be read to the student.

Please note that these forms can and should be used for all other types of administrations to ensure valid and accurate data is collected on these field-test items.

For questions about oral/signed administrations, contact the Student Assessment Division at (512) 463-9536 or studentassessment@tea.texas.gov.

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