

January 14, 2021

Subject: Spring and Summer 2021 Assessment Guidance

To the ESC and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

The purpose of this communication is to provide information regarding the spring and summer 2021 administrations for the Texas Assessment Program, which includes the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]) grades 3–8 and end-of-course (EOC) assessments, STAAR Alternate 2, the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), and TELPAS Alternate.

A frequently asked questions guidance document has been posted on the [COVID-19 Support: Student Assessment](#) webpage in response to districts' concerns regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the spring and summer 2021 assessments. Although state assessments will not be used for state or federal accountability purposes for the 2020–2021 school year, the state assessments will provide equitable baseline data necessary to determine actual learning loss during the COVID-19 crisis and areas to address for the benefit of all Texas students.

If you have questions about the information in this communication, submit your inquiries to TEA using the [Student Assessment Help Desk](#).

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