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To the Education Service Center and District Staff Members Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of the following upcoming activities for the Texas Assessment Program.

DECEMBER 2023 STAAR ADMINISTRATION

- Test Materials
District testing personnel will receive State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) test administrator manuals and their district's initial shipment of secure paper test materials for the December administration the week of **November 13–17, 2023**. District personnel must order any additional paper test materials needed during the window of **November 27–December 11** and additional return labels by **December 18**.
- Creating Test Sessions
District personnel may begin creating test sessions for the December STAAR administration on **November 20, 2023**.

STAAR ALTERNATE 2 REGISTRATION

As a reminder, district testing personnel must submit student registrations for the spring 2024 STAAR Alternate 2 administration in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) no later than **December 14, 2023**. To indicate student eligibility for STAAR Alternate 2 in TIDE, district personnel must select "Yes" under the *Alternate Student Flag: STAAR Alternate 2* field. For grades 3–8, district personnel must ensure the student's enrolled grade is populated to receive the grade-specific tests for mathematics, reading language arts, science, and social studies. For EOC assessments, district personnel must also select "Yes" under each specific *STAAR Alternate 2 EOC Eligibility* field.

As previously announced in May, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has updated the STAAR Alternate 2 participation requirements beginning with the 2023–2024 school year. Numerous resources are available on the [STAAR Alternate 2 Resources](#) webpage to assist district personnel with the updated participation requirements.

TEST DELIVERY SYSTEM UPDATES

Based on feedback from district personnel, Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI) has updated the Test Delivery System (TDS) student interface by moving the text-to-speech (TTS) and American Sign Language (ASL) video buttons. To use either of these tools, eligible students will no longer be required to navigate the item-level menu. Instead, the TTS and ASL video buttons will appear opposite the question number. Students can view this change in released and practice tests available on the [Texas Assessment](#) website.

For questions or assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact Texas Testing Support at 833-601-8821, TexasTestingSupport@cambiumassessment.com, or [TexasAssessment.gov](#) [via live chat](#).