

June 30, 2021

Subject: House Bill 4545 Testing Calendar Updates

To the Regional and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of updates to the 2021–2022 Student Assessment Testing Calendar. In addition, draft testing calendars for the 2022–2023 and 2023–2024 school years have been updated.

Updates to the 2021–2022 Student Assessment Testing Calendar

House Bill 4545 was recently passed by the 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021. The new statute eliminates the retention and retesting requirements for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR[®]) grades 5 and 8 mathematics and reading. It also eliminates the optional STAAR end-of-course (EOC) assessments for Algebra II and English III. As a result, an updated version of the 2021–2022 Student Assessment Testing Calendar is now posted on the TEA website at [Testing Calendar](#). The revised testing calendar reflects the following updates.

- There will only be one administration of the STAAR grades 5 and 8 mathematics and reading assessments. This administration will be in May to coincide with the administration of other STAAR grades 3–8 assessments. Therefore, the April and June administrations of STAAR grades 5 and 8 mathematics and reading have been removed.
- STAAR Algebra II and English III administrations have been removed.

Draft Versions of the 2022–2023 and 2023–2024 Student Assessment Testing Calendars

The draft versions of the Student Assessment Testing Calendars for the 2022–2023 and 2023–2024 school years have been updated with the changes noted above and are posted on the TEA website at [Testing Calendar](#). The draft versions currently follow the testing calendar for the 2021–2022 school year. However, these draft testing calendars will likely need to be updated based on the implementation of the STAAR redesign scheduled for the 2022–2023 school year.

If you have any questions about this information, please submit them to TEA using the Student Assessment [Help Desk](#).

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