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Subject: New Supplemental STAAR Alternate 2 Training Module

To the ESC and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

The purpose of this communication is to notify you of the availability of a new supplemental training module for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) Alternate 2. The module, as well as a brief description of the module, is available in the District Campus Coordinator Resources on the [Training](#) page.

As part of the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) ongoing efforts to improve the state's testing program, the Student Assessment Division has developed this web-based training, the STAAR Alternate 2: Eligibility module, to provide guidance to Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) committees to make assessment decisions based on state guidelines. This module is intended to assist ARD committee members in ensuring that only students with significant cognitive disabilities are assessed with an alternate assessment. It is designed to supplement, not replace, the mandatory training required of all personnel involved in testing.

Completion of this module is not a requirement. It is, however, recommended that public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools use this module to enhance the mandatory training required of all personnel involved in testing. The training module consists of two videos and follow-up questions to assess understanding of the content covered in the videos. There is no limit to the number of times the videos may be viewed.

After completion of the module, participants will be able to view overall scores and download certificates of completion. Participants will be prompted to fill in their first and last names and dates of completion prior to printing or saving a copy of the certificate. Any unsaved certificates will not be retrievable at a later time. Certificates are made available for districts as a convenience and are to be used at the districts' discretion.

If you have any questions about the supplemental STAAR Alternate 2 training module, contact TEA using the [Student Assessment Help Desk](#).

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