

**[SUBJECT: January 11, 2021, Upcoming Texas Assessment Program Activities]**

To the ESC and District Testing Coordinator Addressed:

This communication is to inform you of the following activities for the 2020–2021 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) Alternate 2, Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), and TELPAS Alternate administrations.

**Webinar Training Opportunities**

Four webinar training opportunities will be available to provide an overview of the [STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS, and TELPAS Alternate Assessment Management System](#) and to help districts prepare for the spring 2021 administrations. The webinars include information about key changes and dates.

Each webinar will be offered at two different times, with the same information offered each time. Each registrant will receive a link for the live presentation. The webinars only support data-based audio (VOIP) and do not support dialing in by phone. It is recommended that the webinar be presented from a conference room where others may view it. A recorded version of the webinar trainings will be posted for districts to share with other staff, as needed.

Select a date below and follow the instructions in the link to register.

<b>STAAR Alternate 2 and TELPAS Alternate</b>	<a href="#">Tuesday, January 26</a> <a href="#">Wednesday, January 27</a>	10:00–11:30 a.m. (CT) 10:00–11:30 a.m. (CT)
<b>TELPAS and TELPAS Online Training Center</b>	<a href="#">Tuesday, January 26</a> <a href="#">Wednesday, January 27</a>	2:00–3:30 p.m. (CT) 2:00–3:30 p.m. (CT)

**TELPAS and TELPAS Alternate Registration**

The window to submit district-created student registration data files for the spring 2021 TELPAS and TELPAS Alternate administrations opens today. For instructions on uploading files, refer to the *STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS, and TELPAS Alternate Assessment Management System User’s Guide* in the [Texas Resource Center](#). The registration deadline for TELPAS grades K–12 listening, speaking, and writing and grades K–1 reading is **April 2, 2021**. The registration deadline for TELPAS grades 2–12 reading and TELPAS Alternate is **April 9**.

**TELPAS Online Training Center**

This is a reminder that the [TELPAS Online Training Center](#) opens today, and the Assembling and Verifying Writing Collections module is available. Online basic training modules for new grades K–1 and 2–12 raters will be available on **January 25, 2021**. New users are required to create a new user profile and must enter the keyword *training2021* to do so. Returning users may log in using the same username and password used in 2020. If a returning user’s email address has changed, they must contact the Customer Service Center to update it. Returning users should NOT create a new account.

Monitored calibration sessions must be established for raters to complete calibration activities.

- Access to calibration is passcode protected.

- There are separate passcodes for set 1 and set 2.
- Coordinators will provide proctors the daily passcodes for use in monitored calibration sessions.

A document titled "TELPAS Online Training Coordinator Resources Information" can be accessed within the *Published Reports* section of the Assessment Management System starting today. The information contained in this document should only be shared with other designated personnel acting as district testing coordinator assistants.

For questions and assistance regarding the information in this communication, contact the Customer Service Center using the [live chat](#) feature, the [Pearson Customer Support Form](#), or by calling 800-627-0225.