

October 7, 2004

ACTION REQUIRED

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: 2005-2006 Test Schedule for the Texas Student Assessment Program

This letter and the attached Student Assessment Calendar outline the test schedule for the 2005–2006 school year. These test dates were chosen to minimize conflicts with religious, state, or national holidays and nationally scheduled examinations such as the Scholastic Achievement Tests (SAT), the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), and the American College Testing (ACT) program.

A draft version of the 2005-2006 testing calendar was posted to the Student Assessment Division website for public review from August 19 - September 10, 2004. Copies were also provided to all education service centers and the 25 largest school districts. We appreciate the comments and suggestions we received regarding this draft. Based on this input, testing will not be scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2006 (the day after Easter).

Please note these significant points concerning the 2005-2006 test schedule:

- A new version of the Reading Proficiency Tests in English (RPTE II) will be implemented in the spring of 2007. RPTE II will add a second grade test, expand the academic contexts in which English language proficiency in reading is measured, and align with the level of English proficiency that is reflected in the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). RPTE II will be field-tested in a window from March 13 through April 7, 2006.
- The window from March 13 through April 7, 2006, is scheduled for additional limited English proficient (LEP) student field tests. Districts will be provided with specific scheduling information when these field-testing plans are finalized.
- Full implementation of the middle school Grade 8 science test will occur with the first administration on April 20, 2006.

Please contact the Student Assessment Division at (512) 463-9536 if you have any questions regarding the testing activities outlined in this letter or on the attached calendar.

Sincerely,

Shirley J. Neeley, Ed.D.

cc: District Test Coordinator, ESC Executive Director and Test Coordinator

2005–2006 Student Assessment Calendar

2005					
Test Date(s)	TAKS	SDAA II	Report Date(s)*	TAAS	Report Date(s)*
Testing Window: Sept 12 – Sept 23	FALL STUDY (selected sample)		None		
Oct 18 (Tue)	<i>Exit Level English Language Arts (retest)</i>		Nov 30–Dec 2, 2005	<i>Exit Level Writing (retest)</i>	Nov 30–Dec 2, 2005
Oct 19 (Wed)	<i>Exit Level Mathematics (retest)</i>		Nov 30–Dec 2, 2005	<i>Exit Level Mathematics (retest)</i>	Nov 30–Dec 2, 2005
Oct 20 (Thurs)	<i>Exit Level Science (retest)</i>		Nov 30–Dec 2, 2005	<i>Exit Level Reading (retest)</i>	Nov 30–Dec 2, 2005
Oct 21 (Fri)	<i>Exit Level Social Studies (retest)</i>		Nov 30–Dec 2, 2005		
Dec 1 (Thurs) Education Service Center (ESC) Training in Austin					
2006					
Completed by Jan 9 (Mon) Training for school district testing personnel by ESCs					
Testing Window: Jan 17 – Feb 3	<u>TAKS Field Tests:</u> Grade 4 Writing Grade 4 Spanish Writing Grade 7 Writing Grade 9 Reading Grade 10 English Language Arts Exit Level English Language Arts	<u>SDAA II Field Tests:</u> Grade 4 Writing Grade 7 Writing Grade 10 English Language Arts Grades 3–9 Reading Grades 3–10 Mathematics	None		

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2006

Test Date(s)	TAKS	SDAA II	Report Date(s)*	TAAS	Report Date(s)*
Feb 21 (Tues)	Grade 3 Reading Grade 3 Spanish Reading Grade 4 Writing Grade 4 Spanish Writing Grade 5 Reading Grade 5 Spanish Reading Grade 7 Writing Grade 9 Reading Grade 10 English Language Arts Exit Level English Language Arts <i>Exit Level English Language Arts (retest)</i>	Enrolled Grade 4: Writing Levels K/1, 2, 3/4 Enrolled Grade 7: Writing Levels K/1, 2, 3/4, 5, 6/7 Enrolled Grade 10: Writing ♦♦ Levels K/1, 2, 3/4, 5, 6/7, or 8/9	Mar 10, 2006** Mar 10, 2006** May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 Mar 10, 2006** Mar 10, 2006** May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 Apr 12-14, 2006	<i>Exit Level Writing (retest)</i>	Apr 12-14, 2006
Feb 22 (Wed)	<i>Exit Level Mathematics (retest)</i>	Enrolled Grade 9: Reading Level 9 ♦ Enrolled Grade 10: ELA Level 10 or Reading Level 9 ♦♦	Apr 12-14, 2006 May 5-12, 2006	<i>Exit Level Mathematics (retest)</i>	Apr 12-14, 2006
Feb 23 (Thurs)	<i>Exit Level Science (retest)</i> Make-up session for Grade 10 ELA	Make-up session for Enrolled Grade 10: ELA Level 10 ♦♦	Apr 12-14, 2006 May 5-12, 2006	<i>Exit Level Reading (retest)</i>	Apr 12-14, 2006
Feb 24 (Fri)	<i>Exit Level Social Studies (retest)</i>		Apr 12-14, 2006		
Completed by Feb 25 (Sat)	All make-up sessions for tests scheduled to be administered on February 21, 2006, and included in the calculation of AYP must be completed by this date. These tests include TAKS Grades 3 & 5 reading (English and Spanish).				

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- ♦ Enrolled Grade 9 students will test on February 22, 2006, **only** if they are taking the instructional level 9 reading test. Enrolled Grade 9 students who are taking an instructional level K-8 reading assessment will test on April 19, 2006.
- ♦♦ Enrolled Grade 10 students must take the instructional level 10 English language arts (ELA) test **or** both a writing and reading test at a lower instructional level. Enrolled Grade 10 students who are taking the K/1, 2, 3/4, 5, 6/7, or 8/9 writing assessment will test on February 21, 2006. Enrolled Grade 10 students will test on February 22, 2006, **only** if they are taking the instructional level 9 reading assessment or the instructional level 10 ELA assessment. Enrolled Grade 10 students who are taking an instructional level K-8 reading assessment will test on April 19, 2006.

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2006					
Test Date(s)	TAKS	SDAA II	Report Date(s)*	TAAS	Report Date(s)*
Testing Window: Mar 13 – Apr 7	Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) – includes Reading Proficiency Tests in English and Texas English Language Proficiency Observation Protocols RPTE II Field Tests – Grades 2-12 Other LEP Student Field Tests – Selected Grades and Subjects		Apr 28–May 5, 2006 None None		
Apr 4 (Tues)	Grade 5 Mathematics Grade 5 Spanish Mathematics		Apr 20, 2006** Apr 20, 2006**		
Completed by April 6 (Thurs)	All make-up sessions for the Grade 5 mathematics tests (English and Spanish versions) scheduled to be administered on April 4, 2006, must be completed by this date.				
Apr 18 (Tues)	Grades 3–4 Mathematics Grades 3–4 Spanish Mathematics Grades 6–8 and 10 Mathematics Grade 6 Spanish Mathematics <i>Exit Level English Language Arts (retest)</i>	Grades 3–10 Mathematics	May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 8-10, 2006	<i>Exit Level Writing (retest)</i>	May 8-10, 2006
Apr 19 (Wed)	Grade 4 Reading Grade 4 Spanish Reading Grades 6-8 Reading Grade 6 Spanish Reading Exit Level Mathematics <i>Grade 3 Reading (retest)</i> <i>Grade 3 Spanish Reading (retest)</i> <i>Grade 5 Reading (retest)</i> <i>Grade 5 Spanish Reading (retest)</i> <i>Exit Level Mathematics (retest)</i>	Grades 3–8 Reading	May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006** May 5-12, 2006** May 5-12, 2006** May 5-12, 2006** May 8-10, 2006	<i>Exit Level Mathematics (retest)</i>	May 8-10, 2006

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Apr 20 (Thurs)	Grade 5 Science Grade 5 Spanish Science Grade 8 Science Grade 9 Mathematics Grade 10 Science Exit Level Science <i>Exit Level Science (retest)</i>		May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 8-10, 2006	<i>Exit Level Reading (retest)</i>	May 8-10, 2006
Apr 21 (Fri)	Grade 8 Social Studies Grade 10 Social Studies Exit Level Social Studies <i>Exit Level Social Studies (retest)</i>		May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 5-12, 2006 May 8-10, 2006		
Completed by Apr 22 (Sat)	All make-up sessions for tests (English and Spanish versions) scheduled to be administered on April 18-19, 2006, and included in the calculation of AYP must be completed by this date. These tests include Grades 3-4 and 6-8 mathematics, Grades 3-8 reading, and Grade 10 mathematics.				
May 16 (Tues)	Grade 5 Mathematics (retest) Grade 5 Spanish Mathematics (retest)		June 1, 2006** June 1, 2006**		
Completed by May 18 (Thurs)	All make-up sessions for the Grade 5 mathematics tests (English and Spanish versions) scheduled to be administered on May 16, 2006, must be completed by this date.				

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June 27 (Tues)	<i>Grade 5 Mathematics (retest)</i> <i>Grade 5 Spanish Mathematics (retest)</i>		July 14, 2006** July 14, 2006**		
June 28 (Wed)	<i>Grade 3 Reading (retest)</i> <i>Grade 3 Spanish Reading (retest)</i> <i>Grade 5 Reading (retest)</i> <i>Grade 5 Spanish Reading (retest)</i>		July 14, 2006** July 14, 2006** July 14, 2006** July 14, 2006**		
Testing Window: June 19 – July 7	<i>Grade 3 Reading Alternate Assessment</i> <i>Grade 5 Reading Alternate Assessment</i> <i>Grade 5 Mathematics Alternate Assessment</i>		None		
July 11 (Tues)	<i>Exit Level English Language Arts (retest)</i>		Aug 9-11, 2006	<i>Exit Level Writing (retest)</i>	Aug 9-11, 2006
July 12 (Wed)	<i>Exit Level Mathematics (retest)</i>		Aug 9-11, 2006	<i>Exit Level Mathematics (retest)</i>	Aug 9-11, 2006
July 13 (Thurs)	<i>Exit Level Science (retest)</i>		Aug 9-11, 2006	<i>Exit Level Reading (retest)</i>	Aug 9-11, 2006
July 14 (Fri)	<i>Exit Level Social Studies (retest)</i>		Aug 9-11, 2006		

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