

To the Administrator Addressed

DATE:	July 14, 2022
SUBJECT:	Optional Assessment Resources for the 2022–23 School Year
CATEGORY:	Student Assessment
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

The purpose of this communication is to inform superintendents and administrators at the local educational agency (LEA) and campus levels about the optional assessment resources available to LEAs during the 2022–23 school year. These include the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) Interim Assessments, the Texas Formative Assessment Resource (TFAR), and the beginning-of-year (BOY) assessments. In addition to providing data to support instruction, each of these assessments provide students with opportunities to become familiar with the online platform used to administer STAAR.

STAAR Interim Assessments

STAAR Interim Assessments, an optional online tool to help educators monitor progress and predict student performance on STAAR, will be available during the 2022–23 school year for all STAAR tested grades/subjects and courses. Interim assessments are full-scope tests designed to be administered one to two times during the school year, depending on the content area. Interim assessments will include new item types that will appear on STAAR in Spring 2023, except for constructed response questions because they are not machine-scorable. Windows for administering interim assessments can be found in the table below.

KEY DATES FOR INTERIM ASSESSMENTS	
August 22, 2022–April 7, 2023	LEAs register students
November 7, 2022–December 16, 2022	<u>Administration Window 1: RLA and Math Tests #1</u> Grades 3–8 RLA, Spanish grades 3–5 RLA, grades 3–8 mathematics, Spanish grades 3–5 mathematics, Algebra I, English I, and English II
November 7, 2022–April 14, 2023	<u>Administration Window 2: Science and Social Studies Tests</u> Grade 5 science, Spanish grade 5 science, grade 8 science, grade 8 social studies, biology, and U.S. history
January 10, 2023–April 14, 2023	<u>Administration Window 3: RLA and Math Tests #2</u> Grades 3–8 RLA, Spanish grades 3–5 RLA, grades 3–8 mathematics, Spanish grades 3–5 mathematics, algebra I, English I, and English II

Texas Formative Assessment Resource (TFAR)