

FALL NEWS FLASH



Student Assessment Dept.

Welcome to the first edition of our News Flash Newsletter! Below you will find news and upcoming events and deadlines.

What's New?

Beginning with 2015-2016 school year, HISD will implement the following changes to the Norm Reference Test (NRT) program:

- Elimination of the Iowa/Logramos grades 1-8 assessment window
- Elimination of the Non-Target assessment window
- Addition of grade 5 to the District-Wide Iowa/Logramos grade K assessment window

The 2015-2016 NRT program will include the following assessment windows only:

- Gifted and Talented (GT) #1, #2, #3
- District-Wide CogAT grades K & 5
- District-Wide Iowa/Logramos grades K & 5
- Iowa online Survey
(Used throughout the year by the Multilingual Programs Dept. for the identification of ELL students and at the end of the year for exit purposes)



Upcoming Trainings

Training	Date	E-Train #
General Test Security & CTC Orientation	Sept. 29 & Oct. 1, 6, 8	TE0123
TAKS XL Open Lab	Oct. 13	TE0173
Iowa/Logramos/CogAT Grades K & 5	Oct. 27 Oct. 29 Nov. 03	TE0147
Fall STAAR EOC/ETS	Nov. 10 Nov. 11	TE0172
Spring GT	Dec. 2 Dec. 3	TE0170

Fall Testing Windows



Testing window	Testing Dates
GT # 1	Sept. 1-11
CBE # 1	Sept. 14-18
Fall TAKS XL	Oct. 19-22
CBE # 2	Nov. 9-13
K & 5 CogAT (Universal Testing)	Nov. 16-19
K & 5 Iowa/Logramos (Universal Testing)	Dec. 3-11
STAAR EOC	Dec. 7-11
GT # 2	Dec. 12- Jan. 16

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Test Materials Center (TMC) News

The TMC has a new process for ordering test materials for district and state assessments.

Order forms for test materials will now be posted on the Student Assessment's SharePoint site. Campus Test Coordinators (CTCs) will complete all initial and add-on ordering forms on this site and will send them directly to the TMC for processing.

Instructions on how to locate forms and order materials on the SharePoint site will be provided to the CTCs at the beginning of each ordering window.

Assessments ordering windows

Testing window	Campus Ordering Window
Fall TAKS XL	Online Assessment
K & 5 CogAT (Universal Testing)	Initial Ordering Sept. 21-30 Add on Ordering Nov. 11-19
K & 5 Iowa/Logramos (Universal Testing)	Initial Ordering Oct. 5-9 Add-on Ordering Nov. 20- Dec. 3
CBE # 2	Ordering Deadline Oct. 7

Note: Dates are subject to change

TMC New Staff Member



We are pleased to announce that **Mr. Torrence Stewart** has been hired as a TMC Warehouseman. Torrence began his employment in our department on July 28, 2015 and is assigned to schools served by our Student Assessment Specialist Canetra Wilson and TMC clerk Consuelo Solis. His enthusiasm and energy has already been a welcome addition and we are all very delighted to have him on our team!

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Formative Assessment News

- **New EdPlan Version For The 2015-16 School Year!** EdPlan Version 7 officially launched in August 2015. Users report easier functionality, test creation, and report generation.
- **Spring 2015 STAAR Heatmaps Available**
The FA team has created color-coded maps of student performance at the student expectation (SE) level of the TEKS to identify critical areas for teacher professional development and student intervention/enrichment. This includes a Multi-Year STAAR Analysis by SE Report that combines the power of Lead4ward heat map longitudinal data and STAAR frequency tables to surface high impact targets. Campuses can leverage this report to target focus areas through the competencies of Instructional Planning and Data Driven Instruction.
- **Formative Assessment Coordinator Designee**
Schools should select a designee to serve as a Formative Assessment Coordinator. This person can be the CTC, a campus administrator or a campus teacher. The person should register to attend EdPlan FAC Orientation (dates are listed below).

Upcoming Formative Trainings

Training	Date	E-Train #
EdPlan FAC Orientation	Sept. 8,9,10,11	TE0175
EdPlan System Basics	Oct. 2 & 5	TE0171
EdPlan System Advanced	Oct. 2 & 5	TE0174
EdPlan Reports Basics	Oct. 7, 9, & 14	TE0176
EdPlan Reports Advanced	Oct. 7, 9, & 14	TE0177
EdPlan Online Testing	Nov. 4	TE0178