



Student Assessment News

It's Elementary! – Grades 3 through 5

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CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Do You Know Your ABCs? It involves Writing and Speaking across the curriculum – targeting growth for all students! Remember –

Answer the question

Back it up – based on evidence

Commentary – make **c**onnections, draw **c**onclusions

- ✓ Focus on short, open-ended responses in **ALL** subject areas; relevance. How do you know that? What do you think?
- ✓ Provide guided responses and follow-up questions
- ✓ Go deeper; increased rigor of oral responses in class – and see it modeled by our skilled educators
- ✓ Increased literacy doesn't just mean increased test scores, it means **increased success** in all phases of our students' lives!

ELL HIGHLIGHTS

Click here for **new** [ELL/LPAC assessment resources](#) posted by TEA on October 18th, 2013. Included are:

- 2013-2014 LPAC Decision-Making Process for the Texas Assessment Program
- 2013-2014 STAAR Decision-Making Guide for LPACs
- 2013-2014 TELPAS Decision-Making Guide for LPACs
- STAAR Participation and Linguistic Accommodation Decisions
- Student History Worksheet



STAAR Alternate HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ All **new** STAAR Alternate Test Administrators must take the required **4 training modules** and pass at an 80% level **prior** to assessing their students. Please call Tammy Webber (ext. 70234) if you have any questions about STAAR Alternate training.
- ★ **Remember**, if you have students you need to add or edit or who have left your campus, please update your STAAR Alternate spreadsheet immediately and send it to Karen White at kwhite@pasadenaisd.org.
- ★ Click here to access [STAAR Alternate Resources](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

November



4th – CTC Test Security eCourse became available. Completion is required of all CTCs including those helping with TELPAS or acting as the Online Liaison. **Deadline:** December 20th. **Deadline** for CTCs to train *campus testing personnel*: January 10th, 2014.

18th – Boot Camp 301– 4:00-5:30 – Orozco – Room 401. Come join the fun! Click here to register: [Boot Camp 301](#)

December



9th – TELPAS Holistic Rating eCourse becomes available. **Required** pre-requisite for **all** CTCs. Must be completed prior to TELPAS Holistic Rating face-to-face training on January 13th, 2014.

SPECIAL EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- The new **2014 Accommodations Triangle** has arrived! Click here for [Accommodation Resources](#) for students with disabilities and linguistic accommodation needs. (Updated Accommodations eCourse under revision – available soon!)
- **New ARD Committee information** for the 2013-2014 Texas Assessment Program is posted to TEA's website: [ARD Committee Training](#).
- **Standardized Oral Administration (SOA)** is a new **online option** for Oral Administrations of STAAR.
 - ☞ Currently available for grade 4 Reading and Math
 - ☞ Not available for Modified or Spanish versions
 - ☞ Each campus is encouraged to try it out with their students who are eligible for an OA in the Spring
 - ☞ Click here to view the [SOA Tutorials and Test Manual](#)
- ☞ **BENEFITS:**
 - ➔ Less Test Administrators and testing locations needed; subject areas may also be grouped together
 - ➔ Provides consistent administrations
 - ➔ Students can self-pace