

**TELPAS 2012:  
WHAT YOU NEED TO  
KNOW**

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**ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS FOR GRADES  
K-1 AND 2-12**

- Grades K-1
  - Holistically rated observational assessments of listening, speaking, reading, and writing
- Grades 2-12
  - Holistically rated observational assessments of listening and speaking
  - Holistically rated writing collections
  - Multiple-choice online reading tests in six grade clusters: 2, 3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12

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**NEW**

### POLICY UPDATES

- Newly Enrolled ELLs
  - ELLs from another Texas school district, state, or country who enroll on or after the first day of the TELPAS window will not be assessed by the receiving district in the **holistically rated domains**.
  - Newly enrolled students in grades 2-12 are required to take the TELPAS reading test
- ELLs in grades 2-12 who enter U.S. schools in the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year are required to take the reading test and will receive scores based on their test performance

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### HOLISTICALLY RATED OBSERVATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

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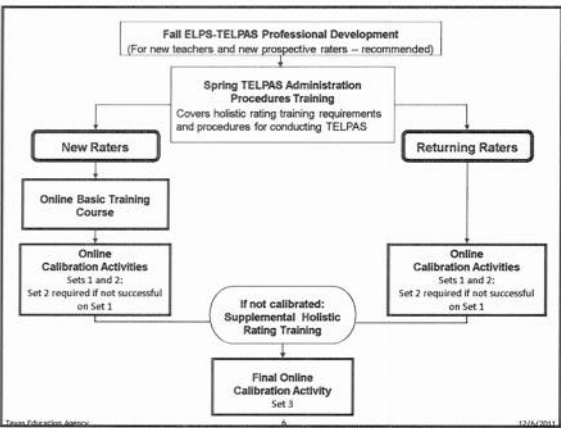
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### SPRING 2012 ONLINE TRAINING COMPONENTS

- Online Basic Training Course (Required for New Raters)
  - One for raters of K-1 students and one for raters of grades 2 and above
    - Includes rating activities to give raters opportunities to practice applying the rubrics (no state-required level of accuracy established)
- Online Calibration (Required for New and Returning Raters)
  - Separate calibration activities for K-1, 2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12
    - There are 3 sets and each set contains 10 students
    - Rater needs to rate at least 70 percent of the students correctly in a set to demonstrate sufficient calibration
- Assembling and Verifying Grades 2-12 Writing Collections
  - Optional course that may be used to supplement test administrator procedures training

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### TRAINING CERTIFICATES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS

- Training certificates are generated for raters who complete training courses and calibration activities
  - *Certificate of completion* issued when a rater completes an online course
  - *Certificate of successful completion* issued when a rater demonstrates sufficient calibration (70 percent or better) on a calibration set
- Five hours are awarded for the K-1 and 2-12 basic training courses
- Two hours are awarded (in all) for calibration

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### SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT FOR RATERS

- Raters not successful after calibration set 2 need supplemental support before completing set 3
- Raters need access code to complete set 3
- Resources for rater use to be posted in coordinator resources section of Texas TrainingCenter website

Districts, not ESCs, have primary responsibility for supplemental training of raters.

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### CRITERIA FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT PROVIDERS

- ⊙ A supplemental support provider must
  - be a 2010-2011 fully trained and calibrated rater in the applicable K-1 or 2-12 span
  - complete the recorded Web-based training
  - calibrate on either set 1 or set 2

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### TRAINING OF SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT PROVIDERS

- ⊙ **NEW** Training delivered through a Web-based recorded presentation that is accessible from the coordinator resources section of the TrainingCenter
  - Separate training for K-1, 2-5, and 6-12
  - Training will be available beginning January 30
  - Both new and returning supplemental support providers need to complete this training
- ⊙ Districts should designate enough supplemental support providers to cover the needs of the district
  - Encouraged to train at least one supplemental support provider for K-1, 2-5, and 6-12
  - Reviewing the number of raters unable to calibrate by end of calibration set 2 last year may help anticipate this year's needs
  - Districts with large ELL populations may find it beneficial to have a supplemental support provider on each campus

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### TWO BASIC MODELS FOR PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT

- ⊙ Individual or group sessions
  - Raters attend a one-on-one or group session with a supplemental support provider before completing their third and final calibration set
- ⊙ Brief meeting followed by additional consultation at rater's request
  - Rater meets briefly with the supplemental support provider on resources to review
  - Rater schedules time with the support provider to get clarification, if needed, before completing the third and final calibration set

The models are described in detail in the Web-based recorded presentation supplemental support providers are required to complete.

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## ONLINE READING TESTS FOR GRADES 2-12

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### UPDATES

- **NEW** Sample items no longer included at the beginning of the TELPAS reading tests
- This year's version of TestNav slightly different than last year's version
- Tutorials being updated to reflect format of new browser-based TestNav 7

TELPAS reading tests will remain **untimed** for spring 2012

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### BROWSER-BASED TELPAS STUDENT TUTORIALS

- Updated student tutorials to be available in January
  - Recommended for use with students who need sample items exposure to the online system and various TELPAS item formats
  - Will help students become familiar with the TELPAS reading browser-based testing interface
  - The browser-based version of the tutorials can be accessed via a browser; no files to download or install
  - Will be able to access tutorials and instructions at <http://www.TexasAssessment.com/TELPAS-tutorials>

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**STUDENTS WHO MOVE**

- Guiding principles
  - If ELL enrolls in Texas public school BEFORE March 19 (start of TELPAS assessment window), receiving campus responsible for all TELPAS assessments
  - If ELL enrolls ON or AFTER March 19, receiving campus only responsible for grades 2-12 reading test (if not already administered)

These guiding principles apply regardless if a student enrolls from another Texas school or from another state or country.

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**FINAL DATA VERIFICATION WINDOW**

- Assessment window closes Wednesday, April 11
- Verification window closes Friday, April 13
  - Allows districts time to verify completeness and accuracy of student data before scoring begins
  - If during verification process it was discovered a student was not tested, the student must be tested during the verification window

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**RESOURCES**

- District and Campus Coordinator Manual
- Coordinator Manual Resources Webpage
- TELPAS Manual for Raters and Test Administrators
- TELPAS Resources Webpage
  - PowerPoint training modules posted
- Assembling and Verifying Grades 2-12 Writing Collections online course
  - Found on the Texas TrainingCenter
- Coordinator's and Rater's User Guides for Online Holistic Rating Training
- Educator Guide to TELPAS
- User's Guide for the Texas Assessment Management System
- User Roles and Permissions for the Texas Assessment Management System
- TestNav 7 Combined Technical Guide
- Unified Texas Minimum System Requirements

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