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# **General Information About the TAKS Program**

TAKS measures a student's mastery of the state-mandated curriculum, the TEKS. TAKS includes a form called TAKS (Accommodated) for students served by special education who meet the eligibility requirements for specific accommodations.

This section of the manual pertains to TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS–M, and LAT. The following chart shows the subjects tested at each grade level. For specific information about TAKS–Alt, see the TAKS–Alt Manual.

TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated); TAKS–M; and TAKS–Alt					
Grade 3 (English and Spanish)*	Mathematics and Reading				
Grade 4 (English and Spanish)*	Writing, Mathematics, and Reading				
Grade 5 (English and Spanish)*	Mathematics, Reading, and Science				
Grade 6 (English and Spanish)*	Mathematics and Reading				
Grade 7	Writing, Mathematics, and Reading				
Grade 8	Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Social Studies				
Grade 9	Mathematics and Reading				
Grade 10	English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies				
Grade 11/Exit Level	English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies				

\*TAKS-M is not available in Spanish.

LAT <sup>+</sup>				
Grades 3–8 and 10	Mathematics and Reading/English Language Arts			
Grades 5, 8, and 10	Science			

<sup>+</sup> LAT administrations of TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M are provided for eligible students. Spanish-version LAT forms are available in grades 3–6 but are not available for LAT administrations of TAKS–M.

As the chart indicates, reading assessments are administered at grades 3–9. Writing is assessed at grades 4 and 7. At grade 10 and 11/exit level, reading and writing are integrated in an English language arts test. Mathematics is assessed at grades 3–10 and 11/exit level. Science is tested at grades 5, 8, 10, and 11/exit level. Social studies tests are administered at grades 8, 10, and 11/exit level assessments required for graduation are first administered at grade 11. TAKS–M tests are administered at the same grade levels and in the same content areas as TAKS tests, but Spanish forms are not available. TAKS–M is not a requirement for graduation. Therefore, it is not considered an exit level test, and there are no retest opportunities. LAT mathematics and reading/ELA tests are administered at grades 3–8 and 10, while LAT science tests are administered at grades 5, 8, and 10.

In 1999 the Texas Legislature enacted the Student Success Initiative (SSI), which requires students to pass selected TAKS tests in order to be eligible for promotion to the next grade. (See Chapter 101, Subchapter BB, of the Texas Administrative Code, referenced in Appendix C.) Students in grade 3 are required to pass the TAKS reading assessment to advance to grade 4, while students in grades 5 and 8 must pass the TAKS reading and mathematics

assessments to advance to grades 6 and 9, respectively. Students in these grades have up to three opportunities to pass the required TAKS tests. These requirements also apply to students taking TAKS (Accommodated) and TAKS–M tests. If a student receiving special education services has not met the passing standard after three testing opportunities, the ARD committee will determine whether the student will be promoted or retained.

Students taking LAT administrations do not take SSI retests and are not subject to SSI requirements because they are LEP-exempt from TAKS testing under state law.



Information regarding SSI requirements can be found in the GPC Manual, which is available online at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/ssi/GPC\_Manual\_2009.pdf.

Complete information regarding the role of the ARD committee in the Texas Student Assessment Program for students served by special education is in the ARD Manual. This publication is updated annually and is available online at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/special\_education/.

Information regarding the role of the LPAC in making decisions about the participation of LEP students in the Texas Student Assessment Program is found in the LPAC Manual. This publication is updated each year and posted online in December at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student .assessment/resources/guides/lpac/.

### LAT

The LAT assessment process is required by NCLB for recent immigrants who are exempt on the basis of limited English proficiency under Texas policy in the following subjects and grades:

- mathematics at grades 3–8 and 10
- reading at grades 3–8 and ELA at grade 10
- science at grades 5, 8, and 10

**LEP-exempt students receiving special education services:** A small number of students in Texas are recent immigrants who have a disability and receive special education services. LAT administrations of TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M are available for these students if they are determined to be LEP-exempt. When taking a LAT administration of TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or TAKS–M, these students can receive accommodations that address both their special education needs and needs as recent immigrant English language learners. Students for whom the TAKS (Accommodated) form is appropriate will take the LAT administration of TAKS. The format accommodations provided on the TAKS (Accommodated) form are also used on the LAT administrations of TAKS. Students assessed with LAT must not be given the TAKS (Accommodated) form. The tests must not be interchanged. The regular TAKS–M test booklets will be used for LAT administrations of TAKS–M. Note that LEP exemptions and LAT administrations do not apply to recent immigrants who qualify for TAKS–Alt. Because of the design of TAKS–Alt, these provisions are not necessary.

LAT administrations in Spanish are available in grades 3–6 for TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), mathematics, reading, and science tests. LAT administrations of TAKS–M are not available in Spanish.

Districts receive LAT results with their other test results. The same performance standards apply to LAT administrations as to TAKS and TAKS–M. Student-level results are provided; however, LAT performance is not included in district and campus summary reports. Students who participate in LAT administrations are designated as LEP-exempt in the summary reports.

In accordance with federal NCLB regulations, LEP-exempt students are included in designated AYP reading/ELA and mathematics calculations. The subject area of science is not currently part of AYP accountability. See the *2008 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Guide* at http://www.tea .state.tx.us/ayp/2008/guide.pdf for details about the use of LAT results in AYP.

#### **Mathematics and Science Eligibility**

Students are eligible for LAT administrations in mathematics and science if they

- are determined to be LEP-exempt in accordance with Texas policy;
- are in grades 3–8 or 10 for LAT mathematics administrations; and
- are in grade 5, 8, or 10 for LAT science administrations.

#### **Reading/ELA Eligibility**

Students are eligible for LAT administrations in reading or ELA if they

- are determined to be LEP-exempt in reading or ELA in accordance with Texas policy;
- are in grades 3–8 or 10; and
- are in their second or third school year of enrollment in U.S. schools.

**For reading/ELA**, LEP-exempt students in their **first** school year of enrollment in the U.S. do not take a LAT administration. They count in AYP through their TELPAS reading participation.

#### LAT Accommodations

Linguistic accommodations for LEP students provide either **indirect** or **direct** linguistic support. The Accommodations Manual and LAT Manual contain detailed information about the accommodations. Indirect support accommodations do not need to be documented for individual students. They are built into the test administration procedures.

	Mathematics/Science	Reading/ELA
Clarification of Test Directions	V	<b>v</b>
Breaks at Request of Student	V	<b>v</b>
Testing Over Two Days		✔*

Indirect Support Accommodations

\*A two-day LAT administration of a TAKS–M reading/ELA test is optional. The LPAC and ARD committee should decide in advance whether the student should complete the test in one or two days.

For the two-day administrations of LAT reading/ELA tests for TAKS, the administration directions in the LAT Manual specify where in the booklet to stop at the end of Day 1. If a two-day LAT TAKS–M administration of the reading or ELA test will be provided, an appropriate stopping point for the first day should be determined in accordance with the instructions provided in the LAT appendix of the appropriate TAKS–M test administrator manual.

Decisions concerning accommodations that provide **direct** linguistic support must be made and documented by the LPAC (and ARD committee, if applicable) as described in the Accommodations Manual. The following charts show the direct support accommodations and the tests to which they apply.

Mathematics and Science Accommodations	TAKS, Including TAKS (Accommodated)	TAKS-M
Linguistic Simplification*	V	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>
Oral Translation	V	V
Reading Assistance	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	V
Bilingual Dictionary	V	V
Bilingual Glossary	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>v</b>
English and Spanish Tests Side by Side	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	

#### **Direct Support Accommodations**

\*For TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), secure linguistic simplification guides are provided to test administrators for use with this accommodation. Linguistic simplification is an allowable accommodation for LAT administrations of TAKS–M, but linguistic simplification guides are not available.

Reading/ELA Accommodations for TAKS, Including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M	Grades 3–8 Reading	ELA Reading	ELA Revising and Editing	ELA Written Composition
Bilingual Dictionary	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>		V
English Dictionary	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓*		✓*
Reading Aloud—Word or Phrase	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>v</b>	†
Reading Aloud—Entire Test Item	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>	
Oral Translation—Word or Phrase	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>	†
Clarification—Word or Phrase	<b>v</b>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>v</b>	†

\*All grade 10 students who take TAKS, regardless of whether they take LAT tests, are to have access to English dictionaries and thesauruses for these sections of the test. It is not necessary to predetermine and document the need for this as an accommodation.

<sup>†</sup>All grade 10 LAT students (regardless of their approved linguistic accommodations) may receive assistance to understand the **written composition prompt and the rest of the instructions on the test page containing the prompt**. The language may be clarified, translated, or read aloud at the student's request. It is not necessary to predetermine and document the need for this as an accommodation. These three types of assistance are not allowed on the written composition itself.

#### Scheduling

#### Testing Schedule for LAT Administrations of TAKS and TAKS-M

Monday, April 6	LAT Mathematics	Grades 5 and 8
Monday, April 27	LAT Mathematics	Grades 3, 4, 6, 7, and 10
Tuesday, April 28	LAT Reading/ELA (Day 1)	Grades 3–8 and 10
Wednesday, April 29	LAT Reading/ELA (Day 2)	Grades 3–8 and 10
Friday, May 1	LAT Science	Grades 5, 8, and 10

In rare instances, a student taking a LAT administration may be LEP-exempt in some subjects but be required to take regular TAKS tests in other subjects. In such cases, the student's testing schedule for April 27–May 1 will need to be adjusted to enable the student to take all necessary tests. All testing, however, must be completed between April 27 and May 1.

**NOTE:** LAT administrations of TAKS–M will occur on the same schedule as LAT administrations of TAKS except that a two-day administration of LAT reading/ELA for TAKS–M is optional. See the Indirect Support Accommodations chart on page 33 for more information.

#### **Planning for LAT Administrations**

Prior to spring testing, when LEP exemption decisions are made, LPAC members (and ARD committee members, if applicable) need to collaborate with the appropriate subject-area teacher of each LEP-exempt student and the testing coordinator to

- make and document decisions concerning the linguistic accommodations to be provided;
- determine the need for individual versus small-group LAT administrations; and
- identify appropriate LAT test administrators.

Rosters that coordinators may wish to use to list their LEP-exempt students and plan for the necessary test administrators, accommodations, testing materials, and testing locations are on the following pages. Testing personnel should keep in mind the following when planning for LAT administrations:

- The LAT Manual provides example test questions and student scenarios to use in training LAT test administrators. Training slides will be available on TEA's Student Assessment Division website prior to the spring 2009 administrations.
- LAT administrations often require more than one type of linguistic accommodation.
- In addition to linguistic accommodations, a student taking a LAT administration who is receiving special education services may be eligible for accommodations related to his or her disability, as delineated in the Accommodations Manual.
- LAT test booklets for TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), indicate "LAT" on the cover and are not interchangeable with TAKS tests. For students taking a LAT administration of TAKS (Accommodated), use the test booklet that is marked "LAT." The format accommodations provided for TAKS (Accommodated) are also used on the LAT administrations of TAKS. The regular TAKS–M test booklets will be used for LAT administrations of TAKS–M.
- For LAT administrations of TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), in grades 3–6, students may use an English-version test booklet or Spanish-version test booklet. For mathematics and science, the English and Spanish LAT tests are transadaptations and may be used together in the side-by-side linguistic accommodation. The grades 3–6 reading tests are not transadaptations and must NOT be used together.
- Students taking LAT administrations must not be tested in a room with students taking the regular TAKS or TAKS–M tests.
- Students taking LAT administrations should be provided individual or small-group administrations. When small-group administrations are used, students should be seated far enough apart that they are not disturbed by interactions between the test administrator and other students.

It may be possible to group students taking LAT administrations from more than one grade in the same testing room. Review the needs of the students, their accommodations, their grade levels, and the test administration directions in the LAT Manual when planning how to group students.



For more information about LAT accommodations, see the Accommodations Manual and LAT Manual.

### LAT Mathematics and Science Administration Planning Roster

Student Name	Enrolled Grade	Anticipated Accommodations	Materials/ Notes	Test Administrator Name	Administration Type	Test Location	Test Date
Juan Soliz	4	6—Eng/Span Side by Side	Grade 4 English and Spanish LAT math test booklets needed	Morales	Small Group	Library	4/27
Anna Fuhrken	5	1—Linguistic Simplification 3—Reading Assistance	Per IEP, needs LAT administration of TAKS–M for math and science—regular TAKS–M booklets	Martin	Individual	Mrs. Martin's Room	Math – 4/6 Science – 5/1

#### Linguistic Accommodations for Mathematics and Science

- 1 = Linguistic Simplification
- 2 = Oral Translation
- 3 = Reading Assistance

- 4 = Bilingual Dictionary
- 5 = Bilingual Glossary
  - 6 = English and Spanish Tests Side by Side (Grades 3–6)

### LAT Reading/ELA Administration Planning Roster

Student Name	Enrolled Grade	Anticipated Accommodations	Materials/ Notes	Test Administrator Name	Administration Type	Test Location	Test Date
Rong Feng Yu	10	1—Bilingual Dict. 3—Reading Aloud–Word or Phrase 6—Clarification–Word or Phrase	Bilingual Dictionary	Lara	Individual	Library	4/28–29

#### Linguistic Accommodations for Reading/ELA

- 1 = Bilingual Dictionary
- 2 = English Dictionary
- 3 = Reading Aloud—Word or Phrase
- 4 = Reading Aloud—Entire Test Item
- 5 = Oral Translation—Word or Phrase
- 6 = Clarification—Word or Phrase

### **Dyslexia Bundled Accommodations—TAKS Reading**

### **Administration Instructions**

Students meeting the eligibility requirements for using dyslexia bundled accommodations will take the reading test over a two-day period. On page 43 is the 2009 TAKS testing schedule for students taking reading with dyslexia bundled accommodations. The schedule for students in grades 5 and 8 varies slightly from the published TAKS testing calendar. Students who meet the eligibility requirements for TAKS (Accommodated) and for the dyslexia bundled accommodations on the TAKS (Accommodated) form. There are no dyslexia bundled accommodations for TAKS–M or LAT administrations since similar accommodations are built into these assessments.



Information regarding dyslexia bundled accommodations for students taking TAKS assessments, including eligibility requirements and the decision-making process, is in the Accommodations Manual, which is available in districts and online at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student .assessment/admin/AccommManual\_2008\_09.pdf

Students who receive the dyslexia bundled accommodations should be tested individually or in small groups so that other students will not be disturbed or distracted.

The test administrator should follow the directions found in the test instructions specific to the administration with the dyslexia bundled accommodations. When reading the administration directions to the student(s), the test administrator should read the sample items in the same manner as he or she will read the test items. A copy of the dyslexia propernouns list applicable to each grade level must be provided for each student and test administrator. Copies of the dyslexia propernouns lists must be made using the blackline masters provided in each campus box.



There are separate instructions and proper-nouns lists for TAKS and TAKS (Accommodated) administrations with dyslexia bundled accommodations. If a student is taking TAKS, the test administrator must ensure that the test is administered using a TAKS test booklet, TAKS instructions, and TAKS proper-nouns lists. If the student is taking TAKS (Accommodated), the test must be administered using a TAKS (Accommodated) test booklet, TAKS (Accommodated) instructions, and TAKS (Accommodated) proper-nouns lists.

The test administrator should be reminded of the following points before reading the test questions and answer choices aloud:

 Form 1 must be used for grades 3, 5, and 8 (March only) and grades 4, 6, and 7 for the test administrator's test booklet as well as the student's test booklet for all subject-area tests. The test administrator will need a test booklet from which to read the test questions and answer choices. Campus coordinators are responsible for distributing Form 1 in these situations.

- Additional Form 1 test booklets are sent only to campuses with enrollments for dyslexia administrations. The additional Form 1 test booklets are located in the campus box of the secure shipment.
- There is only one form of TAKS (Accommodated).
- The test must be administered in the order presented in the test administration directions.
- All security measures outlined in this manual must be followed.
- Each test question and set of answer choices may be read as many times as necessary.
- Test questions and answer choices must not be rephrased or clarified.
- Voice inflection must be kept neutral during the reading of test questions and answer choices.
- Nonverbal assistance may not be provided to students.
- Test administrators must STOP at the designated place at the end of the first day of testing.

When the student finishes the test, the test administrator must indicate that the student received the dyslexia bundled accommodations during the test administration by marking the bubble (DB) on the front of the TAKS answer document or scorable test booklet.



After the test administration, no discussion or scoring of test items is allowed at any time.

#### Scheduling

Students meeting the eligibility requirements will take the reading test over a **two-day** period. Below is the 2009 TAKS testing schedule for students receiving the dyslexia bundled accommodations. The schedule for students in grades 5 and 8 varies slightly from the published TAKS testing calendar to allow for the two-day accommodation.

Grade 3	March 3–4 April 28 April 29–30 July 1–2	Reading Mathematics Reading (retest) Reading (retest)
Grade 4	March 3 April 28 April 29–30	Writing Mathematics Reading
Grade 5	March 3–4 April 7 April 28–29* April 30 May 19 June 30 July 1–2	Reading Mathematics Reading (retest) Science Mathematics (retest) Mathematics (retest) Reading (retest)
Grade 6	April 28 April 29–30	Mathematics Reading
Grade 7	March 3 April 28 April 29–30	Writing Mathematics Reading
Grade 8	March 3–4 April 7 April 28–29* April 30 May 1 May 19 June 30 July 1–2	Reading Mathematics Reading (retest) Science Social Studies Mathematics (retest) Mathematics (retest) Reading (retest)

#### Adjustments to Testing Schedule for Students Participating in Administrations with Dyslexia Bundled Accommodations

\*Students in grades 5 and 8 taking the April reading retest with dyslexia bundled accommodations will take the first day of the reading test a day earlier than noted on the Calendar of Events. This change is necessary to allow all students in grades 5 and 8 to take the science test on April 30.

Further information about the pacing of the reading tests for the dyslexia bundled accommodations will be included in the dyslexia package included in the campus box.

# **Oral Administration—Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies**

#### **Oral Administration Instructions**

The following instructions provide general information concerning oral administration procedures. The Test Administration Directions also include guidelines for reading aloud various types of test items.



Information regarding oral administrations for students taking TAKS assessments, including eligibility requirements and the decision-making process, is in the Accommodations Manual, which is available in districts and online at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/admin/AccommManual\_2008\_09.pdf

Oral administration is an accommodation for eligible students taking TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), or TAKS–M mathematics, science, or social studies tests. Before conducting an oral administration, test administrators should familiarize themselves with these instructions and with the information presented in the appropriate Test Administration Directions and the Accommodations Manual.

Oral administration can encompass different levels of reading support for each student. This may include reading only a few words or phrases, reading multiple sentences throughout the test, or reading the test in its entirety. It is the responsibility of the appropriate committee to document the level of oral administration support needed. A student whose committee has determined that student choice is appropriate may ask the test administrator at any time to change the level of oral administration being provided. For example, the student may ask that the test administrator read only words or numbers as needed. Oral administration at any level of support is allowed in mathematics, science, and social studies at any grade level for students who are eligible for an oral administration.



Oral administration is not allowed for the TAKS reading, writing, or ELA tests.

Students who receive any type of oral administration may need to be tested individually so that other students will not be disturbed or distracted. However, a test may be orally administered to a small group if there are not enough test administrators available for individual administrations. It is the responsibility of the school to determine the most appropriate way to administer each assessment to students who are receiving different levels of oral administration.

The test administrator should follow the standard administration directions found in the Test Administration Directions. When reading the administration directions to the student(s), the test administrator should read the sample items in the same manner as he or she will read the test items.

The test administrator should be reminded of the following points before reading the test questions and answer choices aloud:

- Form 1 must be used for the test administrator's test booklet as well as the student's test booklet for all subject-area tests. The test administrator will need a test booklet from which to read the test questions and answer choices. Campus coordinators are responsible for distributing Form 1 in these situations.
- Additional Form 1 booklets are located in the campus box of the secure or combined shipment. Be sure that all students and test administrators participating in an oral administration are provided the same form. NOTE: There is only one form of TAKS (Accommodated) and TAKS–M.
- All security measures outlined in this manual must be followed. Test administrators who give an oral administration of a test are required to sign a separate section of the administration-specific oath.
- Each word, phrase, and/or sentence in the questions and set of answer choices may be read as many times as necessary.
- Test questions and answer choices must not be rephrased.
- Voice inflection must be kept neutral during the reading of test questions and answer choices, although words that are boldfaced, italicized, or printed entirely in capital letters must be emphasized.
- Nonverbal assistance may not be provided to students.

When the student finishes the test, the test administrator must indicate that the student received an oral test administration by marking the code "OA" (Oral Administration) in the ACCOMMODATIONS section of the answer document. This field should be marked for students who have received any level of oral administration.



After an oral administration, no discussion or scoring of test items is allowed at any time.

### Large-Print and Braille Test Booklets

#### Availability

Braille and large-print test booklets are available for all TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M administrations. The same braille form will be administered to both TAKS and TAKS (Accommodated) students. Large-print test booklets are available for LAT administrations. Braille test booklets are not available for LAT administrations, with the exception of TAKS–M. Students eligible for a LAT TAKS–M braille administration will use the braille version of the TAKS–M test.

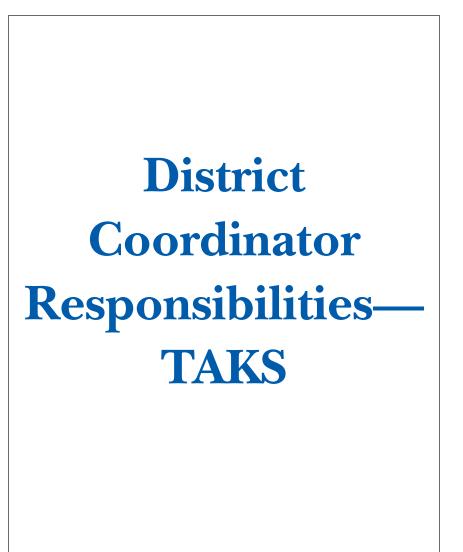
Large-print and braille test booklets are not available for field-test administrations. Districts may submit an Accommodation Request Form to make a request to enlarge field-test booklets.

Information about ordering braille and large-print versions of tests is in District Coordinator Activity 6. Submission of an Accommodation Request Form does not constitute an order of materials. For complete information about submitting an Accommodation Request Form, see the Accommodations Manual. Deadlines for ordering braille and large-print versions of the tests are earlier than those for submitting accommodation requests.



For information regarding braille and large-print test administrations, including eligibility requirements, see the Accommodations Manual, available in districts and online at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student .assessment/admin/AccommManual\_2008\_09.pdf. Information is also available in Appendix D of this manual.



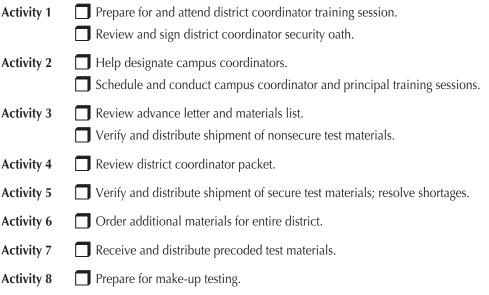




# DISTRICT COORDINATOR CHECKLIST—TAKS

This checklist will help you keep track of the activities and steps involved in preparing for, monitoring, and returning materials for the TAKS test administrations, including TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS–M, and LAT. Follow the dates on the Calendar of Events for training, the receipt of materials, test administrations, and the collection and return of materials. Check off the steps in each activity as you complete them to make sure you have fulfilled your responsibilities as district coordinator. Detailed instructions for completing each step are included with each activity. This page may be duplicated as needed.

#### **Prepare for TAKS Administrations**



#### **Monitor TAKS Administrations**

Activity 9

Ensure proper testing procedures.

Answer questions and resolve problems.

#### **Return TAKS Materials**

- Activity 10 Direct the collection of scorable materials in the district.

- Activity 13 Direct the collection and return of nonscorable materials.

### July and October TAKS Exit Level Retest Administrations

# **Prepare for TAKS Administrations**

# Activity 1

Prepare for and attend district coordinator training session; review and sign district coordinator security oath.

## **Prepare for Training**

As district coordinator, you are the contact person for all campus coordinators, test administrators, and test-related communications in your district. It is your responsibility throughout the testing period to be able to answer questions that arise in your school district about the TAKS test administrations.

Read this manual carefully before the training session and bring your manual to the session. Become thoroughly familiar with the sections of the TAC (see Appendix C) so that you are knowledgeable about such topics as the following:

- security and confidentiality
- student testing requirements
- student eligibility requirements for TAKS–M and TAKS–Alt assessments
- testing accommodations, including dyslexia bundled accommodations, TAKS (Accommodated), and LAT administrations
- the Student Success Initiative (SSI)
- testing requirements for graduation

### **Attend District Coordinator Training Session**

All district coordinator training sessions should be held by the deadline specified on the Calendar of Events. Only new district coordinators need to attend training before the October 2009 administration. If you have not received notice of the date and location of the district coordinator training session for your region, contact your regional education service center immediately. **All district coordinators must attend training annually.** 

Make note of any questions you have regarding your responsibilities and any special circumstances your district expects, and be sure to discuss these during your training session.





TAKS Training Requirements				
Who must be trained	Type of training needed*			
District coordinators	• Annual district coordinator training session			
Campus coordinators	• Annual training in test security and general testing procedures			
	• Training specific to each administration			
Campus principals	• Annual training in test security and general testing procedures			
	• Training specific to each administration			
Test administrators, monitors, or assistants	• Annual training in test security and general testing procedures			
	• Training specific to each administration			
Any authorized staff members who handle secure test materials	Annual training in test security     procedures			

\*See TAKS District Coordinator Activity 2 for more information about topics to be discussed in training sessions.

### **Review and Sign District Coordinator Security Oath**

Prior to your training, make sure you have reviewed your security oath and understand your obligations concerning test security and confidentiality as set forth in this manual. (See Student Assessment Program Overview.) You must initial each item as completed and sign your security oath before you handle any secure test materials. All oaths, except the superintendent/ chief administrative officer oath, have two parts: 1) initialing and signing after training and before handling secure materials, and 2) signing after completion of each test administration for test administrators and at the end of the testing year for campus coordinators, principals, and district coordinators. You should also familiarize yourself with the security oaths for superintendents/chief administrative officers, campus coordinators, principals, and test administrators.



# Activity 2

Help designate campus coordinators; schedule and conduct campus coordinator and principal training sessions.

### Help Designate Campus Coordinators

In cooperation with your district's principals, designate a campus coordinator for each campus. Campus coordinators serve as the liaison between you and their respective campuses for all TAKS test-related communications. They also oversee the preparation and distribution of test materials for each administration as well as prepare the materials for return to you.

Campus coordinators are also responsible for helping designate and train the test administrators for their campuses. They must be able to answer questions and resolve problems throughout the testing period. They are instructed to contact the district coordinator for any questions they are unable to answer.

### Schedule and Conduct Campus Coordinator and Principal Training Sessions

Campus coordinators and principals are required to receive annual training in general testing procedures. In addition, all campus coordinators and principals must have training in the procedures unique to each TAKS test administration.



To prepare your campus coordinators for testing, you must conduct training sessions by the dates indicated on the Calendar of Events.

Instruct campus coordinators to carefully review their Coordinator Manual, the General Test Administrator Manual, and grade-specific Test Administration Directions prior to training and to bring them to the training session. The General Test Administrator Manual will arrive in a separate shipment in early January. Campus coordinators will receive the Test Administration Directions in their nonsecure or, where applicable, combined shipments of test materials. Test Administration Directions for TAKS tests will be sent only for the first administration for a given grade. These directions must be kept and used again with any subsequent administrations.

You should plan to discuss the following topics at the campus coordinator training session:

- campus coordinator responsibilities
- test administrator responsibilities
- FAQs (See Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about the Texas Student Assessment Program available online at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/faq/ FAQ.pdf.)



- test administration schedule
- make-up testing
- test security regulations and oaths
- proper testing procedures, including, for example, seating charts and student honor statements (where appropriate)
- consequences of cheating for students and educators
- process for identifying eligible students
- testing students taking a combination of TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS–M, and LAT tests
- testing accommodations
  - TAKS (Accommodated) administration procedures
  - TAKS-M administration procedures
  - dyslexia bundled administration and accommodations procedures
  - LAT accommodations and administration procedures
- procedures for receiving, distributing, and storing test materials
- procedures for verifying precoded labels/answer documents and hand-gridding student information
- duplication of written compositions and open-ended responses
- ensuring the submission of appropriate answer documents
- gridding the appropriate score code
- gridding accommodations information on TAKS and TAKS–M scorable documents
- gridding LAT information
- importance of completing the Class, Campus and Group, and Voided Answer Document Identification Sheets accurately
- procedures for returning materials



Plan each training session so that there is enough time for questions and discussion. If there are questions during a session that you are unable to answer, contact TEA's Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536.

# Activity 3

Review advance letter and materials list; verify and distribute shipment of nonsecure test materials.

### **Review Advance Letter and Materials List**

An advance letter and materials list are available only online and will be posted to the Texas Assessment website approximately one month prior to each test administration. These documents provide information regarding the upcoming administration as well as a list of the materials your district will receive. The quantities on the materials list show district totals, including overage, that will be shipped. You may also review the materials listed by **campus** as well as the district overage at http://www.TexasAssessment.com/tx\_dist\_guides. These numbers are based directly on the TAKS enrollment figures submitted during the fall enrollment period and the January enrollment update period.

Check with each of your campuses to ensure that they will have a sufficient quantity of test materials. If not, compile a list of any additional materials needed for each campus and submit a single order for your district prior to each test administration. (See District Coordinator Activity 6 for more information.) The quantities shown on the materials list cannot be decreased. It is important to order any additional materials for your entire district at one time.

### Verify and Distribute Shipment of Nonsecure Test Materials



You will receive nonsecure test materials for each 2009 TAKS test administration. The nonsecure and secure materials arrive in separate shipments for all test administrations except those listed in the chart below. (See the Calendar of Events for specific dates.)

COMBINED Nonsecure and Secure Materials Shipments					
Grade 3 reading:	March, April, and July administrations (including TAKS–M)				
Grade 5 reading:	March, April, and July administrations (including TAKS-M)				
Grade 5 mathematics:	April, May, and June administrations (including TAKS–M)				
Grade 8 reading:	March, April, and July administrations (including TAKS–M)				
Grade 8 mathematics:	April, May, and June administrations (including TAKS–M)				
Exit Level retest:	March, April, July, and October administrations				



The nonsecure materials needed for testing are listed below. See the diagram on the following page for information about the location of these materials in the nonsecure shipment.

- district coordinator packet
- district overage materials
- campus materials

Take the following steps in reviewing and distributing the nonsecure shipment.

- Look at your boxes to verify that they contain TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M materials. For easy identification, the name of the testing program is printed on the boxes and on the shipping labels.
- To verify that your shipment is complete, look at the sequence of numbers on the boxes to make sure you have accounted for all boxes.
- Once you have accounted for all boxes, locate the district packing list and pallet detail report at the top of Box 1 (the white box) and review these documents carefully. Each administration has a specific packing list. The packing list indicates the quantities of the items contained in the shipment, and the pallet detail report shows the box number(s) for each campus's materials.
- The materials for each campus will be packaged in separate boxes labeled with the campus name and number. You do not need to open any of these boxes. Campus coordinators will do this when they review the contents of their shipments and check their materials for shipping shortages.
- After you have checked to see that a shipment is complete, keep your district overage materials and forward the campus materials to the appropriate campuses in your district.
- Do not delay in forwarding the campus boxes and packages. Campus coordinators and test administrators will need their materials to prepare for their training sessions and for testing.

### Contents and Packing Arrangement of Nonsecure Shipment

### Box 1 (white)

District Packing List Pallet Detail Report District coordinator packet (includes Advance Packing List)

### **District Overage Box**

- District coordinator materials: Paper bands Science rulers<sup>†</sup> Class ID Sheets Campus and Group ID Sheets Voided Answer Document ID Sheets
- Dyslexia Package<sup>†</sup> Proper-Nouns Lists (Blackline Masters) Dyslexia Test Administrator Instructions (Blackline Masters) Blank answer documents<sup>\*</sup> Mathematics charts<sup>†</sup> Science charts<sup>†</sup>

TAKS-M and LAT test administrator manuals<sup>+</sup> and TAKS Test Administration Directions

\* Includes TAKS and TAKS-M blank answer documents † If applicable

### **Campus Box**

**Campus Packing List** Campus coordinator materials: Paper bands Science rulers<sup>†</sup> **Class ID Sheets** Campus and Group ID Sheets Voided Answer Document ID Sheets TAKS-M and LAT test administrator manuals<sup>†</sup> and TAKS Test Administration Directions Dyslexia Package<sup>+</sup> Proper-Nouns Lists (Blackline Masters) Dyslexia Test Administrator Instructions (Blackline Masters) Blank answer documents\* Mathematics charts<sup>+</sup> Science charts<sup>+</sup> TAKS-M and LAT test administrator manuals<sup>+</sup> and TAKS Test Administration Directions

## Activity 4

Review district coordinator packet.

You will receive a district coordinator packet for each administration of TAKS. Familiarize yourself with the materials listed below, which are included in each district coordinator packet.

#### MANUALS

Grade-specific Test Administration Directions, and if applicable, LAT and TAKS–M test administrator manuals



The Coordinator Manual and General Test Administrator Manual are not included in the coordinator packet for each test administration. The Coordinator Manual is shipped to districts only in December, along with the Calendar of Events poster. The General Test Administrator Manual is shipped to districts only in January, along with the TELPAS Manual. See District Coordinator Activity 6 for information about ordering additional materials online.

#### PACKING LISTS AND SAMPLE MATERIALS

- packing lists (including Advance Packing List for secure materials)
- Pallet Detail Report
- answer documents and scorable test booklet covers (samples)
- LAT linguistic simplification guide covers, if applicable (samples)
- Class Identification Sheets (samples)
- Campus and Group Identification Sheets (samples)
- Voided Answer Document Identification Sheets (samples)
- mathematics charts and science charts, as appropriate (samples)
- standard reports list
- optional reports and services brochure

#### MATERIALS FOR RETURN SHIPPING

- Answer Document Packing Lists
- return shipping labels and return freight bills
- district coordinator security oath
- superintendent/chief administrative officer security oath
- pre-addressed envelope (for returning the superintendent/chief administrative officer and district testing coordinator oaths to testing contractor)
- Optional Reports Order Form, as appropriate

### Activity 5 Verify and distribute shipment of secure test materials; resolve shortages.

Districts will receive each shipment of secure test booklets two to three weeks before testing. Secure LAT test booklets and LAT linguistic simplification guides will be included in this shipment, if applicable. See the Calendar of Events for specific dates. The test booklets are boxed by campus. A district overage of materials will also be included in each shipment.

### Contents and Packing Arrangement of Secure Shipment

District Overage Box 1 (white)

District Packing List Pallet Detail Report Test booklets for resolving shortages LAT linguistic simplification guides for resolving shortages **Campus Box\*** 

Campus Packing List Test booklets: TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), LAT<sup>†</sup>, and TAKS–M<sup>†</sup>; also includes large-print booklets<sup>†</sup> LAT linguistic simplification guides<sup>†</sup>

\*For the April grades 3–10 and exit level secure test materials shipment, TAKS–M materials will be shipped in separate boxes on a separate schedule (see Calendar of Events). \*If applicable

# Verify and Distribute the Shipment Contents

Take the following steps in verifying and distributing the secure shipment.

- Look at your boxes to verify that they contain TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M materials. For easy identification, the name of the testing program is printed on the boxes and on the shipping labels.
- To verify that your shipment is complete, look at the sequence of numbers on the boxes to make sure that all boxes are accounted for.
- Once you have accounted for all boxes, locate the packing list inside Box 1 (the white box) of the secure shipment and review it carefully. This list specifies the types and quantities of materials shipped and the range of test booklet security numbers assigned to each campus and to the district overage. You do not need to open campus boxes to verify the contents.
- Carefully check to see whether the quantities listed meet your district's needs and make note of any additional test booklets needed.
- Even if the quantities on the packing list are not sufficient, forward the campus boxes to your campus coordinators. Wait until campus coordinators have opened



their boxes and checked their individual packing lists before you begin to resolve shortages.

- Retain district overage materials in locked storage and direct campus coordinators to do the same with their test booklets.
- Make sure that all campus coordinators verify the number of test booklets received, following the instructions in TAKS Campus Coordinator Activity 5. Instruct them to immediately report to you any discrepancy between their individual campus packing list and the contents of their boxes. If a discrepancy is found, report it to Pearson's Austin Operations Center by calling 800-252-9186.

### **Resolve Shortages**



Eliminate shortages for a particular campus by first providing test booklets from the district overage. If additional test booklets are still needed, you may move booklets from one campus to another. Keep an exact record of the security numbers of booklets that are distributed from the overage or moved from one campus to another. If your district is still short of test booklets, compile a list of all campus shortages and visit the Texas Assessment website at http://www.TexasAssessment.com/enr01 to place your order for additional materials online. (For information about ordering additional materials, see District Coordinator Activity 6.)



It is imperative that you resolve all shortages as quickly as possible to ensure delivery of test materials before the testing date. Refer to the Calendar of Events for deadlines for ordering additional materials. Note that ordering after the deadlines may result in delayed delivery of materials. Test booklets and answer documents may not be duplicated to resolve shortages.

Remind your campus coordinators not to distribute test booklets (or the secure LAT linguistic simplification guides) to test administrators until the day of testing, with the following exception: Campus coordinators may distribute the grade 3 scorable test booklets to campus personnel who will affix the verified precoded labels or hand-grid the student data. However, test booklet seals must not be broken, and the contents of the tests must not be examined. The campus coordinator must collect the booklets and return them to locked storage until the first day of testing for each administration.

### Activity 6 Order additional materials for entire district.

After reviewing the packing lists in Box 1 (the white box) of the secure shipment, determine whether your district requires additional secure test materials. Also determine if additional copies of the Coordinator Manual or General Test Administrator Manual are needed.



Before each test administration, compile a list of any additional materials needed for all campuses in your district. Refer to the Calendar of Events for the deadlines for ordering additional materials. Ordering after the deadlines may result in delayed delivery of materials.



Refer to the District Testing Coordinator Online Data Management User's Guide for Orders at http://www.TexasAssessment.com/tx\_dist\_guides to submit your online order for additional test materials. NOTE: Faxed orders for additional materials will NOT be accepted.

### **Secure Test Materials—Additional Test Booklets**

Based on the Advance Packing List for secure materials in your district coordinator packet, determine whether the quantities you are scheduled to receive are sufficient for your district. Be sure to take into account any extra test booklets you may need for a test administrator to use during oral administrations or when providing allowable accommodations on the TAKS–M reading tests. Aside from students taking LAT administrations who will use a TAKS–M booklet, a LAT-specific test booklet is needed for each student taking a LAT administration. Depending on the accommodations provided, some students taking LAT administrations in grades 3–6 may need both an English and Spanish version of a LAT mathematics or science test booklet. LAT test booklets in one language do not include the corresponding test booklet in the other language, so both versions must be ordered. A regular TAKS test cannot be used to resolve shortages because the LAT forms are different tests. Also be sure to order any additional TAKS LAT mathematics or science linguistic simplification guides at this time.

### **Nonsecure Test Materials**

Determine whether there are any shortages of the items received in the nonsecure shipment, such as Test Administration Directions, blank answer documents, or identification sheets. The test administrator instructions and proper-nouns lists for the dyslexia bundled accommodations for both TAKS and TAKS (Accommodated) are to be photocopied using the blackline masters provided in the dyslexia package located in the campus box. There are **separate** test administrator instructions and proper-nouns lists for TAKS (Accommodated). Verify that you have received enough TAKS–M answer documents. You will not need answer documents for students who are assessed with TAKS–Alt.

### **Spanish Materials**

Districts should administer the Spanish versions of the grade 4 writing, grade 5 science, and grades 3–6 mathematics and reading tests to all students who are eligible in accordance with 19 TAC §101.5, Subchapter A, and 19 TAC §101.1007, Subchapter AA. (See Appendix C and the LPAC Manual.) Testing decisions may vary by subject area. For example, an LPAC may determine that it is appropriate for a grade 4 student to take the mathematics test in English and the reading and writing tests in Spanish. (See Campus Coordinator Activity 9 for information about submitting answer documents for these students.) Determine whether the quantities of Spanish materials listed on the Materials List will be sufficient, including any Spanish TAKS (Accommodated) forms and any Spanish-version LAT forms that are needed.

### Large-Print and Braille Test Booklets

For the TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M administrations, large-print and braille test booklets are available for eligible students in all grades and subject areas tested in English and Spanish. LAT test booklets in large print are available for eligible students. With the exception of TAKS–M, braille versions of LAT are not available. Students eligible for a LAT TAKS–M braille administration should use the braille version of the TAKS–M test. Districts have an opportunity to identify the number of students who will need large-print test materials during TAKS enrollment in the fall and in January. **NOTE:** The January enrollment update period affects only the April grades 3–10 and 11/exit level administrations, **NOT** the March administrations. Large-print materials will be shipped with the initial secure or combined shipment. **Separate braille orders must be made online. Braille materials will arrive in a separate shipment prior to testing.** 



If additional large-print materials are required, order online by the date specified in the Calendar of Events.

If additional braille materials are required, they must be ordered by the dates published in the "Update Braille Order" broadcast e-mails that are sent to district testing coordinators. Braille tests are available for all subjects in TAKS and TAKS–M, in both contracted and uncontracted braille. There is only one braille form for both TAKS and TAKS (Accommodated) for each applicable grade level and subject area. Uncontracted braille must be ordered at least 90 days prior to each test administration, using the standard ordering process for contracted braille. Uncontracted braille tests may be ordered only for students who use uncontracted braille materials in classroom instruction.

Updates to orders for contracted braille versions must be placed by the deadline for district coordinators to order additional materials. The order form for braille materials requires that you provide the name and Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) student identification number of each student for whom you are ordering a braille test. Updates to braille orders must be placed online at http://www.TexasAssessment.com/BrailleOrderForms.

**NOTE:** Remember to order additional TAKS Test Administration Directions or TAKS–M test administrator manuals, if necessary, when placing orders for large-print or braille materials. There is no need to order an additional General Test Administrator Manual when ordering additional braille and large-print materials. This manual is sent once per year and should be retained for use during all test administrations. General instructions for administering large-print and braille tests accompany each braille and large-print test booklet. Specific instructions for administering braille tests accompany each braille test booklet. Additional information regarding the general and specific instructions is included in Appendix D of this manual.

Refer to the Calendar of Events for deadlines for ordering additional materials. Ordering after the deadlines may result in delayed delivery of materials.



In most cases, large-print tests should be ordered *only* for students with visual impairments. Guidelines concerning eligibility are delineated in the Accommodations Manual. In general, large-print tests should NOT be ordered for an entire class.

# Activity 7

Receive and distribute precoded test materials.

Districts will receive a separate shipment of precoded test materials for primary administrations. The precoded materials will arrive no later than the date noted on the Calendar of Events and may arrive as early as three to four weeks prior to the due date.

The labels and answer documents are preprinted with student information so that district personnel do not need to hand-grid the data. However, districts must verify the accuracy of the precoded information on the labels and answer documents. Instructions for verifying the precoded data are included in the shipment. (See also TAKS Campus Coordinator Activity 6.)

Campus coordinators and designated campus staff are responsible for verifying the information on the precoded materials. Inaccurate student information may prevent the current test administration data from merging with a student's permanent record file. Inaccurate information can be corrected by hand-gridding the correct information on the cover of an appropriate scorable test booklet or answer document. Except for the student name and PEIMS number, hand-gridded information will override the information on a precoded label or answer document. Hand-gridded information does not change the student information contained in a PEIMS file at the Texas Education Agency.

Precoded Materials					
Precoded Answer Documents	Precoded Labels				
Grade 4 all subjects Grade 5 reading Grade 5 mathematics Grade 5 science Grade 6 all subjects Grade 7 all subjects Grade 8 reading Grade 8 mathematics Grade 8 science and social studies Grade 9 all subjects Grade 10 mathematics, science,	Grade 3 reading* Grade 3 mathematics* Grade 10 English language arts Exit Level English language arts Exit Level retests TAKS–M all grades and subjects				
social studies Exit Level mathematics, science, social studies					

\*Precoded labels can be used on either the English or Spanish scorable document.



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The TAKS answer documents and precoded labels will be used for TAKS (Accommodated) and LAT administrations of TAKS and TAKS (Accommodated). TAKS-M tests, including LAT administrations of TAKS-M, will use unique answer documents and precoded labels.

If a student takes the grade 3, 5, or 8 reading test in March and/or April but does not meet the passing standard, or if the student's answer document is submitted with the SCORE CODE field marked "A" (Absent), "O" (Other), or "L" (Exempt-LEP), a precoded label or answer document will automatically be provided for the student for the April test and, if needed, the July test administration. These provisions will also apply to students taking the grade 5 or 8 mathematics test.

NOTE: Districts will receive a larger quantity of blank answer documents for grades and subjects that require precoded labels than for grades and subjects that require precoded answer documents.



If you have questions about precoding, call Pearson's Austin Operations Center at 800-252-9186.

Prepare for make-up testing.

In planning for make-up testing, districts should address logistical issues associated with testing, such as make-up test scheduling, testing locations, and security arrangements for make-up test materials. It is up to each district to determine a policy for administering make-up tests.

The chart below indicates the grade levels, allowable subject areas, make-up testing dates, and nonallowable subject areas for administering make-up tests to eligible students.

Make-up Testing						
Grade	Allowable Subject(s)	Allowable Subject(s) Make-up Testing Dates				
3 English and Spanish	<b>Reading</b> (March and April administrations only) <b>Mathematics</b>	Reading: March 4–7; April 30–May 2 Mathematics: April 29–May 2 LAT Reading: April 29–May 2 LAT Mathematics: April 28–May 2	None			
4 English and Spanish	Reading Mathematics	Reading: April 30–May 2 Mathematics: April 29–May 2 LAT Reading: April 29–May 2 LAT Mathematics: April 28–May 2	Writing			
5 English and Spanish	<b>Reading</b> (March and April administrations only) <b>Mathematics</b> (April and May administrations only)	Reading: March 4–7; April 30–May 2 Mathematics: April 8–9; May 20–21 LAT Reading: April 29–May 2 LAT Mathematics: April 7–9	Science			
6 English and Spanish	Reading Mathematics	Reading: April 30–May 2 Mathematics: April 29–May 2 LAT Reading: April 29–May 2 LAT Mathematics: April 28–May 2	None			
7	Reading Mathematics	Reading: April 30–May 2 Mathematics: April 29–May 2 LAT Reading: April 29–May 2 LAT Mathematics: April 28–May 2	Writing			
8	<b>Reading</b> (March and April administrations only) <b>Mathematics</b> (April and May administrations only)	Reading: March 4–7; April 30–May 2 Mathematics: April 8–9; May 20–21 LAT Reading: April 29–May 2 LAT Mathematics: April 7–9	Science Social Studies			
9	None	None	Reading Mathematics			
10	English language arts (ELA) Mathematics	TAKS ELA: March 5TAKS-M ELA: March 4-7Mathematics: April 29-May 2LAT ELA: April 29-May 2LAT Mathematics: April 28-May 2				
Exit Level or Grade 11	None	None	ELA Mathematics Science Social Studies			

**NOTE:** Except as noted for grade 10 ELA, the same make-up schedule applies to TAKS (Accommodated) and TAKS–M.

## **Make-up Testing Procedures**

The topic of make-up testing should be reviewed in campus coordinator training sessions. Subject-area tests and grade levels that are included in the make-up testing policy, students eligible for make-up testing, procedures for administering make-up tests, and procedures for returning test materials should be covered.

To be eligible for a make-up test, a student **must** be absent on the regular day of testing for that subject area. If a student starts testing on the regularly scheduled day and is unable to continue, the student is **NOT** eligible for a make-up test, and the district must determine whether the student's answer document should be coded "S" (Score) or "O" (Other). You may call TEA's Student Assessment Division for guidance, if needed, at 512-463-9536. The score code of "A" (Absent) should be marked only for those students who are absent from both the regular and make-up test sessions.

For a student taking a LAT administration, the coding requirements differ. The SCORE CODE field for all students taking LAT administrations must be marked "L." If a student taking a LAT administration starts testing on the regularly scheduled day and is unable to continue, mark "I" in the LAT INFO area. (Do not mark "O" in the SCORE CODE field.) If a student taking a LAT administration is absent from both the regular and make-up testing opportunities, mark "A" in the LAT INFO area. (Do not mark "A" in the SCORE CODE field.)

- The make-up test for TAKS English language arts at grade 10 will be administered on one assigned date: Thursday, March 5, 2009. Students taking the TAKS English language arts test on this day will be using a specified make-up test form along with the regular grade 10 ELA answer document, which must have its MAKE-UP FORM bubble marked to ensure accurate scoring. Students taking the make-up test for TAKS (Accommodated) English language arts at grade 10 will use the test form provided for the regular day of testing. Districts will be sent the TAKS grade 10 ELA make-up test form automatically with the secure shipment of test materials. This form will be available in large print and may be ordered using the online system for submitting additional orders. The make-up test for TAKS—M English language arts at grade 10 may be administered March 4–7, and students will use the test form provided for the regular day of testing.
- For all other make-up subject-area tests, students will use the test forms provided for the regular day of testing. (See TAKS Campus Coordinator Activity 12.)
- In March the regular testing schedule will be maintained for the reading tests at grades 3, 5, and 8. These tests must be administered on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, but make-up tests may be given through Saturday, March 7, 2009. The schedule for make-up testing for the second administration of the reading tests at grades 3, 5, and 8 will follow the same pattern. No make-up tests are allowed for the third administration of the reading tests at grades 3, 5, and 8.
- In early April, the regular testing schedule will be maintained for the grades 5 and 8 mathematics tests. These tests must be administered on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, but make-up tests may be given through Thursday, April 9, 2009. The schedule for make-up testing for the second administration of the grades 5 and 8 mathematics tests will





follow the same pattern. No make-up tests are allowed for the third administration of the mathematics tests at grades 5 and 8.

- In late April, the regular testing schedule will be maintained, and districts will be allowed to give make-up tests through Saturday, May 2, 2009.
- How districts implement the make-up testing schedule, including whether to test on Saturday (if applicable), is a local district decision. Because all scorable and nonscorable materials, including those used for make-up testing, must be returned by the dates listed in the Calendar of Events, districts conducting make-up testing beyond those dates may not receive their reports by the dates specified.
- Do NOT send partial shipments of materials to the testing contractor. Materials should be returned only when all testing, including make-up testing, has been completed. Consult TAKS District Coordinator Activities 11 and 13 when preparing scorable and nonscorable materials for return.



No person may view, reveal, discuss, or score the contents of an assessment instrument at any time unless expressly authorized to do so by the test administration materials. To ensure test security, keep test materials in locked storage (for example, in a locked closet) when not in use.

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# **Monitor TAKS Administrations**

# Activity 9

Ensure proper testing procedures; answer questions and resolve problems.

To help maintain test security and ensure proper test procedures, you must monitor test administration sessions. The number of testing sites you visit and the amount of time you spend at each site will depend on the size of your district. TAKS Campus Coordinator Activity 11 explains the testing procedures that campus coordinators and test administrators must follow.

As district coordinator, you need to be thoroughly aware of the responsibilities of your campus coordinators and test administrators during testing. Make sure you are available to answer questions and resolve problems on these days. The situations listed below are discussed on the pages that follow.

- unusable scorable test booklets or answer documents
- defective test booklets
- school emergencies
- lunch breaks
- new enrollees in your district
- temporary disabilities
- make-up testing
- testing schedule
- highlighters
- failure to record all answers
- one-time LEP postponement and foreign exchange students
- oral administration
- grade 3 mathematics reading assistance
- large-print test booklets
- LAT administration



#### **Unusable Scorable Test Booklets or Answer Documents**

*Problem:* A student who is already halfway through the reading section of his test accidentally tears his answer document (or grade 3 scorable test booklet) while erasing.

*Solution:* The student may not continue to use the torn answer document or scorable test booklet because the tear might interfere with machine scoring. The test administrator should give the student a new answer document or test booklet and instruct him to begin marking his answers on the new document at the point where he stopped on the unusable document. **NOTE: A new scorable test booklet must have the same form number as the booklet it replaces.** When the student turns in his new answer document or test booklet, the test administrator will need to transfer verbatim the student's responses and all the demographic information from the unusable answer document or test booklet to the new one. The test administrator must write "Transcribed by (NAME) because (REASON)" at the top of the new document. Transcription must be done in No. 2 pencil. The unusable answer document or test booklet must be marked "VOID" in **large, bold** letters across the front and returned with the scorable materials.

If a replacement scorable test booklet with the same form number is not available, contact the TEA's Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536.

If the student tested on a previous day, the test administrator will need to transfer the student's responses for that test as well. The test administrator should then void the unusable answer document. When the campus coordinator returns the scorable materials to you, he or she should submit the student's voided document with any other voided documents and the new answer document with the scorable answer documents.

#### **Defective Test Booklets**

*Problem:* A student who has already begun testing discovers that there is a page missing from her test booklet. The campus coordinator calls you to find out what to do.

*Solution:* If the student was using a **nonscorable** test booklet (grades 4–10 and exit level), the student should be given a new test booklet with which to continue testing. **The new booklet must have the same form number as the original booklet; otherwise, the student's answers will not be scored correctly.** 

If a **scorable** test booklet (grade 3) is defective, the test administrator should give a replacement booklet **with the same form number** to the student and have the student begin bubbling in her answers in the new booklet at the point where she stopped in the defective booklet. When the student turns in her new test booklet, the test administrator will need to carefully transfer the student's answers from the defective booklet to the new booklet without making any changes. The test administrator must also transfer the student's identification information and demographic information from the test booklet cover. Transcription must be done in No. 2 pencil. The test administrator must void the defective booklet and write "Transcribed by (NAME) because (REASON)" on the front of the new test booklet. When the campus coordinator returns the scorable materials to you, he or she



should submit the defective test booklet with any voided test booklets and the new test booklet with the scorable test booklets.

Contact TEA's Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 to report instances of missing pages in test booklets.

Contact TEA if a replacement booklet with the same form number is not available.

## **School Emergencies**

*Problem:* A campus coordinator calls you to find out what he should do when a fire alarm sounds during testing.

*Solution:* The campus coordinator should have students leave their tests where they are and go quietly outside, following the school's regulations for exiting the building. It is not necessary for the campus coordinator to call you or TEA to report the incident before exiting the building. The test administrators must closely monitor their testing groups to make sure that no one discusses the test. The students should resume testing once the building has been cleared for reentry. Tell the campus coordinator that if there is a building fire or other school emergency that prevents students from resuming testing, you will call TEA's Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 to see how to proceed.

### **Lunch Breaks**

- *Problem:* Students in several classes at a campus have not completed testing by lunchtime. The campus coordinator is concerned that the students need a lunch break.
- *Solution:* Students should be allowed to take a lunch break. They must place their answer documents inside their test booklets (if applicable), and the test administrator must collect the booklets and place them in locked storage. During lunch the students must remain together and be closely monitored by a trained test administrator to ensure that the contents of the test are not discussed.

### **New Enrollees in Your District**

- *Problem:* A student from another state enrolls in your district during the designated testing period. The student and his parents want to know whether he will need to take the TAKS tests.
- *Solution:* Explain to them that students who enroll during the testing period are required to test unless they are exempt according to the Texas Administrative Code, Section 101.5. If this particular student is not exempt according to the law, he will need to test.

## **Temporary Disabilities**

- *Problem:* A student with her arm in a cast arrives at the writing test session and cannot fill in her answer document. The campus coordinator calls you to find out whether the student should be excused from the test.
- *Solution:* Inform the campus coordinator that the student may not be excused. There are several options for the student to respond while testing, such as transcription,



note taking, use of a tape recorder, or even use of a large chalkboard. It is important to note that some of the available accommodations require an individual administration. See the Accommodations Manual for more information about allowable accommodations.

## **Make-up Testing**

- *Problem:* A student has started testing on the regular testing day. During the subject-area test, the student is no longer able to continue testing due to illness. The campus coordinator calls you to find out whether the student can take a make-up test for the subject-area test he or she was not able to complete.
- Solution: Explain that if a student starts testing on the regularly scheduled day and is unable to continue, the student is **NOT** eligible for a make-up test, and the district must determine whether the student's answer document should be coded "S" (Score) or "O" (Other). For a student taking a LAT administration, the coding requirements differ. If a student taking a LAT administration starts testing on the regularly scheduled day and is unable to continue, "I" should be marked in the LAT INFO area if the district determines that the test should not be scored. (The campus coordinator should ensure that "O" is not marked in the SCORE CODE field.) The SCORE CODE field for all students taking LAT administrations must be marked "L."

## **Testing Schedule**

- *Problem:* A campus coordinator wants to know what to do if a student has not finished testing by the end of the day.
- *Solution:* The district is not required to extend testing beyond the regular school day, but the district may choose to do so. If such a situation arises, the campus coordinator should consult you for a determination. Districts are encouraged to develop and publicize policies regarding testing beyond the regular school day **before** test administrations begin. You may call TEA's Student Assessment Division for guidance, if needed, at 512-463-9536.

## Highlighters

- *Problem:* Several students want to bring highlighters to the reading test session because their teacher has taught them to highlight important information when they take classroom reading tests. The campus coordinator calls you to find out whether the students are permitted to use highlighters when taking the TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or TAKS–M tests.
- *Solution:* Explain that students in grades 4 and higher may use highlighters in the test booklets to emphasize important information on any subject-area test. Unless required by their IEPs, students in grade 3 may not use highlighters, crayons, or colored pencils in their test booklets, since the residue from these instruments could interfere with the machine scoring of the booklets. Students in grade 3 may

use No. 2 pencils to underline important information in their test booklets but should avoid making stray marks near the answer bubbles.

A student receiving special education services who is taking grade 3 TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or TAKS–M may use a highlighter in the scorable test booklet if the student's IEP requires the use of a highlighter. After testing, the test administrator must transcribe the contents of the original test booklet onto another scorable test booklet with the same form number using a No. 2 pencil. For further information, see "Transcribing—Scorable Test Booklets and Answer Documents" in Campus Coordinator Activity 11.

#### Failure to Record All Answers

- *Problem:* A campus coordinator asks for clarification about how a test administrator should respond if a student has neglected to record all of his or her answers on the answer document.
- *Solution:* Through active monitoring, a test administrator should quickly notice a student who has not recorded all of his or her answers on the answer document.

At any time during testing, the test administrator may remind all students with the following general statement: "Please check to be sure you have filled in all of your answers on the answer document." If this general statement does not help, then the test administrator, before the end of the testing session, should address the student directly in the following way: "You have not recorded all of your answers on the answer document. Please go back and mark your answers on it now." If the student has already turned in his or her testing materials but has not left the testing area, the materials should be returned so that the student may record his or her answers as instructed. Test administrators should be instructed to look at answer documents only to see if responses are marked. They may not look at or comment on answers to individual items. Because students are marking responses directly in the grade 3 scorable test booklet, there is limited chance of students leaving a document blank. Test administrators should regularly remind students to respond to every question. They may quickly look through scorable test booklets after the students are finished to ensure that all items have been answered, but they may not look at answers to individual items.

After the student has finished testing and left the testing location, he or she will not be allowed to alter the answer document. In this situation, the test administrator is not allowed to transcribe answers or otherwise alter the answer document without permission from TEA's Student Assessment Division.



It is the responsibility of test administrators to check scorable documents for completion before students have left the testing area. Coordinators and other personnel should NOT examine answer documents or scorable booklets for completion after students have left the testing location.

#### **One-Time LEP Postponement and Foreign Exchange Students**

*Problem:* A new immigrant from Vietnam and a foreign exchange student from Brazil have enrolled in grade 11 in your district. The campus coordinator wants to know whether the students should take the TAKS tests.

*Solution:* For new limited English proficient immigrants at the exit level, the LPAC should determine whether the student qualifies for a one-time LEP postponement (according to 19 TAC §101.1005) of the initial administration of the TAKS exit level test. The LPAC is responsible for documenting the postponement decision in accordance with the procedures in the LPAC Manual.

If a foreign exchange student enrolled in grades 9–12 has waived in writing his or her intention to receive a Texas high school diploma (according to 19 TAC §101.5[e]), he or she may be excused from the testing requirement.

Directions for coding answer documents for eligible foreign exchange students and recent immigrants are provided in Campus Coordinator Activity 9.

### **Oral Administration**

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- *Problem:* A student has been identified as having dyslexia by a committee of knowledgeable persons. His counselor has requested that the test items for mathematics and science be read aloud to him because this accommodation is normally used in his classroom instruction. The campus coordinator has called you to discuss providing this accommodation.
- *Solution:* Instruct your campus coordinator to consult with the committee of knowledgeable persons to determine whether the student is eligible for an oral administration, and review the Accommodations Manual for information about allowable accommodations. If the student is eligible, the campus coordinator should also take the following steps:
  - Review with the test administrator the specific instructions regarding oral administration that are contained in the Test Administration Directions or the appropriate TAKS–M test administrator manual.
  - Instruct the test administrator to mark the code "OA" (Oral Administration) in the ACCOMMODATIONS section of the answer document for that subject.

## **Grade 3 Mathematics Reading Assistance**

- *Problem:* Several students have been placed in a group to receive reading assistance on the grade 3 mathematics test. The campus coordinator wants to know whether the test administrator may read all the mathematics test questions to the group.
- *Solution:* Inform the campus coordinator that even when students are grouped for reading assistance, the test administrator may **NOT** read all the mathematics test questions to an individual or to the group. The test administrator may read a word, phrase, or sentence in a test question or answer choice only when asked to do so by **an individual student**. Reading assistance may be provided only for questions on

which a student asks for help. If a grade 3 student requires the mathematics test to be read in its entirety, then this constitutes an oral administration, which is limited to students who meet the eligibility criteria as detailed in the Accommodations Manual.

See the Accommodations Manual for the eligibility criteria for students receiving reading assistance as part of a LAT administration of the TAKS or TAKS–M mathematics test in grades 3–8 and 10.

#### **Large-Print Test Booklets**

- *Problem:* A campus coordinator calls you because a teacher has requested large-print test booklets for all of her students. The campus coordinator asks whether you can order large-print materials.
- *Solution:* Explain to the campus coordinator that the use of large-print test booklets is a testing accommodation for students with visual impairments and that the decision to use a large-print test should be made in accordance with the guidelines in the Accommodations Manual. Remind the campus coordinator that large-print test booklets are intended for students who routinely use enlarged materials in classroom instruction. Advise the campus coordinator that it is unlikely that an entire class of students qualifies for this accommodation.

### **LAT Administration**

- *Problem:* A student receiving a LAT administration starts but is unable to complete the test. The campus coordinator calls you to find out how the student's answer document should be coded.
- *Solution:* Instruct the campus coordinator to ensure that the "L" (LEP-exempt) is marked in the SCORE CODE field on the answer documents or scorable test booklets for all students receiving a LAT administration. If a student is unable to complete the test, the district must determine whether the student's test should be scored. If the district determines that the test should not be scored, the "I" (Incomplete) in the LAT INFO area on the answer document or scorable test booklet should be marked to indicate that the test was not completed. The "O" (Other) in the SCORE CODE field should **NOT** be marked.



Call TEA's Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 if you need assistance in handling unusual circumstances of any kind on the days of testing.



# **Return TAKS Materials**

Activity 10

Direct the collection of scorable materials in the district.

#### SCORABLE materials include the following:

- Optional Reports Order Form
- Answer Document Packing List (ADPL)
- used answer documents
- used grade 3 scorable test booklets
- voided answer documents and unused precoded answer documents
- voided grade 3 scorable test booklets

The district testing coordinator should keep the following points in mind when collecting scorable materials in the district.

- The scorable materials must be collected and returned by the date specified on the Calendar of Events for each administration. (For those grades and subjects discussed in District Coordinator Activity 8, make-up testing may extend beyond the return date specified on the Calendar of Events. Return scorable materials as soon as possible after **all** testing, including make-up testing, is completed.)
- Do not mix TAKS materials, including TAKS (Accommodated) and TAKS–M, with TELPAS, TAAS, or EOC materials in the same shipment. Combining materials may cause your results to be delayed.
- Do not return test materials from one TAKS administration with the materials from any other TAKS administration. TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS–M, and LAT materials must be returned along with the TAKS materials from the equivalent administration. Test materials from the following TAKS administrations must be packed and returned separately, each with its own ADPL(s) and return shipping labels:
  - March exit level retest
  - March grades 4 and 7 writing/grade 9 reading/grade 10 and exit level ELA primary administration
  - March grades 3, 5, and 8 reading
  - April grades 5 and 8 mathematics
  - April exit level retest
  - April grades 3, 5, and 8 reading retests
  - April grades 3–10 and exit level primary administration
  - May grades 5 and 8 mathematics retests



- June/July grades 3, 5, and 8 reading and mathematics retests
- July exit level retest
- October exit level retest

## **Collect Scorable Materials**

As you receive the scorable materials from each campus in your district, it is your responsibility to verify that campus coordinators have

- submitted all the scorable materials as defined on the previous page;
- assembled the scorable materials correctly;
- removed the "PULL" tabs from the vinyl seals on all scorable test booklets to be scored or scanned (regardless of the score code, and including voided scorable test booklets);
- filled out the appropriate Class, Campus and Group, and Voided Answer Document Identification Sheets;
- provided accurate counts of the materials submitted;
- kept TAKS materials **completely separate** from TELPAS, TAAS, or EOC; and
- returned TAKS (Accommodated), Spanish-version TAKS, TAKS–M, and LAT test materials with the regular TAKS materials under the TAKS identification sheet. It is not necessary to separate TAKS (Accommodated), Spanish-version TAKS, or LAT materials (other than grade 10 LAT ELA) from scorable TAKS materials. TAKS–M materials should be separated from TAKS materials but returned in the same shipment. Grade 10 LAT ELA materials should also be separated from TAKS but returned in the same shipment.

Test results will be grouped and shipped in accordance with the information that campuses provide on the Campus and Group Identification Sheet(s) and the Class Identification Sheet(s) returned with the scorable documents.

The manner in which the March answer documents for grades 4 and 7 writing; grades 3, 5, 8, and 9 reading; and grade 10 and exit level English language arts are grouped for return will determine the way the precoded answer documents for the primary April test administrations are packaged for shipment to your district. For example, if your district's TAKS grade 4 writing answer documents are grouped by test administrator for return shipment, you will receive your April precoded grade 4 answer documents in the same test administrator groupings. (See Campus Coordinator Activity 14 for more information about grouping options.)



Refer to the Calendar of Events for specific return dates for each TAKS administration. Delayed return of test materials, return shipments that include materials from more than one TAKS administration, and/or combining TAKS materials with materials from TELPAS, TAAS, or EOC may delay the district's receipt of student results.

Prepare scorable materials for shipping.

Complete Steps 1–3 for each campus in your district. You may pack materials from more than one campus in a box, but you must keep the materials from each campus separated by the accompanying Campus and Group Identification Sheet(s) and gummed paper bands. Voided scorable materials from all campuses go **at the bottom** of the box(es) or in a separate box.

#### Step 1: Verify Assembly of Scorable Materials

- Refer to TAKS Campus Coordinator Activity 14 to verify that the scorable materials from each campus have been assembled correctly. Scorable test booklets and answer documents should have been banded by campus coordinators using the gummed paper bands provided for this purpose. Documents with **any score code** marked (including those for absences, exemptions, etc.) should have been included in the scorable materials.
- Make sure that any voided TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), LAT, and TAKS–M, grade 3 scorable test booklets and any voided answer documents have been clearly marked "VOID" and have been separated from the scorable test booklets and answer documents that are to be scored or scanned. Voided scorable test booklets and voided answer documents should have been packed **at the bottom** of the campus boxes (or, if practical, in a separate box).
- Voided scorable test booklets should have been separated from voided answer documents. Each type of voided document should have been placed under a separate Voided Answer Document Identification Sheet and secured with a gummed paper band. Reports and labels will not be generated for scorable test booklets and answer documents placed under a Voided Answer Document Identification Sheet. Do not include voided or unused scorable test booklets and answer documents in the numbers recorded on the Campus and Group Identification Sheets or the Answer Document Packing Lists (ADPLs). (TAKS–M and grade 10 LAT ELA materials each will be recorded on a separate ADPL but returned in the same shipment as TAKS.) The grade 10 LAT ELA answer documents must be grouped and banded separately to enable the written composition to be scored on time.
- Any grade 3 LAT scorable test booklet (English or Spanish) used in a side-by-side English and Spanish LAT administration **but which should not be scored** should be voided and returned with the **scorable** materials.

#### Step 2: Complete Answer Document Packing Lists

- After verifying the information provided by campus coordinators on the Campus and Group Identification Sheets, complete the ADPLs found in your district coordinator packet. NOTE: You should find separate ADPLs for TAKS–M, grade 10 LAT ELA, and one for all other TAKS. You can download a generic ADPL version at http://www.TexasAssessment.com/ADPLs.
- It is **extremely important** to complete the ADPLs accurately and return them with each scorable shipment since reports for a campus cannot be generated until its return shipment of scorable materials has been determined to be complete. TAKS

documents used for students taking TAKS (Accommodated), LAT (except for grade 10 LAT ELA), or a Spanish-version TAKS test should be counted with the other TAKS documents. **If the quantities of scorable test booklets and answer documents submitted for a campus do not match those listed on the ADPLs, processing for that campus may be delayed until the discrepancy is resolved.** Make sure that the totals on the Campus and Group Identification Sheets match the quantities recorded on the ADPLs and that these quantities are entered in the correct column and row for each campus on the ADPLs. Do **NOT** include voided or unused scorable test booklets and answer documents in the quantities recorded on the ADPLs. Retain a copy of your ADPLs for verification of your shipment's contents.

#### **Step 3: Pack Scorable Materials**

- Materials for TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), LAT, and TAKS–M, must be packaged separately from TELPAS, TAAS, or EOC test materials. Make sure that materials from different TAKS administrations are kept separate. See the Calendar of Events for a complete list of 2009 TAKS administrations.
- Voided grade 3 scorable test booklets and voided answer documents should be placed under a Voided Answer Document Identification Sheet and packed at the bottom of campus boxes (or in a separate box for each campus). If you repack and combine materials from more than one campus in a single box, put all voided scorable materials at the bottom of the box. (See illustration on page 80.)
- Pack the groups of used TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated) and LAT (other than grade 10 LAT ELA), scorable test booklets and answer documents in reverse order, using the ADPL as your guide. Set any groups of grade 10 LAT ELA materials aside. They will go on top of Box 1 of your shipment.
- Start with the last campus listed and the quantity in the far right column on the ADPL. Work your way to the left across the columns for that campus, placing each banded group in the box. After packing the groups in each column from the last campus on the ADPL, move up one row to the next campus and continue. The group of answer documents at the top of Box 1 should be the group recorded in the far left column for the first campus listed on your ADPL. Repeat the process described above for TAKS–M test materials. TAKS–M answer documents and scorable test booklets should be banded separately under a TAKS Campus and Group Identification Sheet and placed on top of the voided materials.
- It is not necessary to place the answer documents or scorable test booklets in alphabetical or numerical order for return shipping.

#### Step 4: Enclose Answer Document Packing Lists

• After you have verified the quantities and packed the scorable materials from each campus, place the ADPLs at the top of Box 1 of your shipment. Retain a copy of your ADPLs for verification of your shipment's contents.

#### Step 5: Pack Optional Reports Order Form

If your district wishes to order any optional reports or to receive the free Individual Student Record File, be sure to complete and place the Optional Reports Order Form **at the very top of Box 1** of your scorable shipment so that it will be seen first in the box when your shipment is opened.

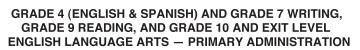


 NOTE: There is no Optional Reports Order Form for the March TAKS writing/ reading/ELA administration or for the April TAKS grades 3, 5, and 8 reading retests. Optional reports and confidential images of student essays and open-ended responses for these administrations can be ordered along with reports for the primary TAKS administration in April.

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A sample district's completed ADPL is shown below, and an illustration of the packing order of the secure materials for that sample district is shown on the following page. (TAKS–M materials will be recorded on a separate ADPL, and packed in a similar manner, but returned in the same shipment as TAKS.)

#### THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR MARCH 2009 TAKS ANSWER DOCUMENT PACKING LIST



This form will expedite the processing of your test materials. Completion of the Answer Document Packing List will allow receiving personnel to verify the completeness of your district's shipment.

- 1. In columns C–G, write the number of answer documents submitted for each group on each campus listed. DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS IN COLUMNS C–G FOR ANY CAMPUS LISTED. Enter a "0" for any group for which no answer documents are being submitted.
- 2. If you are submitting documents for a campus that is not listed, please write the campus number and name of the additional campus in columns A and B on a line at the bottom of the list and complete columns C–G.
- 3. If a campus number and name have been listed for which you are <u>not</u> submitting answer documents, please draw a line through the number and name of that campus.
- 4. Retain a copy for your records.
- 5. Place this completed document with the scorable materials in Box 1 of your return shipment.

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CAMPUS	CAMPUS NAME	NUMBER OF ANSWER DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED				
NUMBER		TAKS				
Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
		Grade 4	Grade 7	Grade 9	Grade 10	Exit Level
001	South High School	0	0	205	261	275
101	Central Elementary	63	0	0	0	0

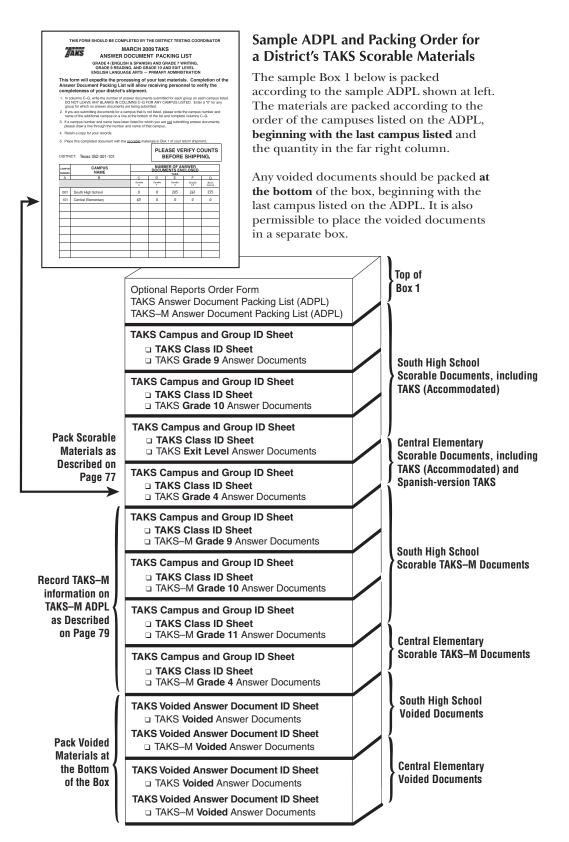
2009 TEXAS STUDENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR MANUAL

#### DISTRICT: Texas ISD 001-101

#### PLEASE VERIFY COUNTS BEFORE SHIPPING.







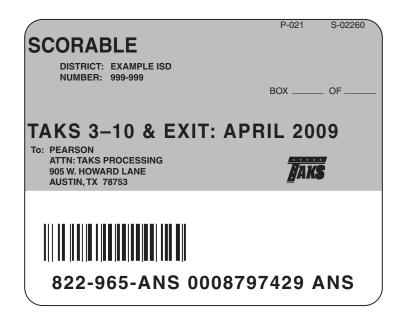
**NOTE:** In the case of grade 10 LAT ELA scorable materials, place the ADPL directly under the Optional Reports Order Form. The grade 10 LAT ELA materials would go on top of the grade 9 TAKS materials.





Make every effort to return your scorable materials to the testing contractor on or before the date indicated on the Calendar of Events. The timely return and proper organization of your materials will determine whether your student performance results can be shipped to you by the scheduled dates.

As you package the scorable materials, you will need to complete a SCORABLE shipping label for each box. The shipping labels can be found in your district coordinator packet. A sample of a TAKS SCORABLE label is shown below. The SCORABLE shipping labels are specific to each testing program and each test administration. The TAKS (Accommodated) and TAKS–M scorable materials should be returned with the TAKS scorable materials and included in the box count.



Follow these instructions as you prepare your boxes for shipping:

- 1. Verify the district name and county-district number preprinted on the appropriate SCORABLE shipping labels. If the information on the labels is incorrect, cross it out and **print** the correct information clearly.
- 2. Seal the boxes securely.
- 3. Affix the SCORABLE shipping labels to the boxes.
- 4. In the space provided on the labels, number each box of scorable materials in sequence (for example, 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3). Make sure that Box 1 contains the **ADPLs and the Optional Reports Order Form, if applicable.** (See note on page 77 concerning availability of the Optional Reports Order Form.)



#### **Shipping Instructions**

The telephone number of the carrier to call for pickup is provided in your freight materials package. Refer to this package to find out how you should return your district's scorable materials. Twenty-four hours before the pickup date (or two working days before non-FedEx Express pickups), contact your carrier to request that your scorable materials be collected and returned to the address printed on your SCORABLE labels. **Districts are required to maintain shipping records for five years.** 

Be sure that each TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M administration's materials are separated within the TAKS shipment. TAKS–M materials are to be returned with TAKS materials. All materials from other testing programs (such as TELPAS, EOC, or TAAS) must not be returned with the TAKS administration's materials. Combining materials or using the wrong shipping procedures may result in processing and reporting delays.

Direct the collection and return of nonscorable materials.

#### DO return these nonscorable materials:

- test booklets grouped by grade, including LAT test booklets, for grades 4–10 and exit level
- unused grade 3 scorable test booklets, including unused LAT scorable test booklets
- LAT linguistic simplification guides (if applicable)
- braille and large-print materials (if applicable)
- dyslexia proper-nouns lists (if applicable)
- unused or voided precoded labels
- unused identification sheets
- unused and blank answer documents
- typed or tape-recorded materials (if applicable)

Keep the following points in mind as you prepare your nonscorable materials for return shipping:

- Return all nonscorable test materials on or before the dates indicated on the Calendar of Events. Return each TAKS administration's materials separately from one another and from other testing programs' materials (such as TELPAS, TAAS, and EOC). TAKS (Accommodated) and TAKS–M nonscorable materials should be returned with the TAKS nonscorable materials.
- Make sure that no students' answer documents have been left in nonscorable test booklets. If you find used answer documents that have been mistakenly left in nonscorable test booklets, remove them for return with the scorable materials. If your scorable materials have already been returned, call Pearson's Austin Operations Center immediately at 800-252-9186 for instructions.
- Pack your nonscorable materials for each administration of TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M either by campus or by district. If you are packing by campus, be sure that all the materials for a single campus and testing program are grouped together, including LAT materials, and packed in the box before adding materials from another campus. Within a campus, LAT materials do not need to be separated from TAKS materials.
- Braille and large-print test booklets and the specific braille instructions should be returned with the nonscorable test booklets.
- It is not necessary to return your test booklets in alphabetical or numerical order.



- Any typed or tape-recorded compositions produced by students using allowable accommodations should be returned with the nonscorable materials.
- You may keep the mathematics charts, science charts, and grade 5 science rulers for use as instructional materials. However, you will automatically be sent charts and rulers for each test administration.
- Proper-nouns lists for dyslexia bundled accommodations must be returned in the nonscorable shipment.
- Complete a TAKS NONSCORABLE shipping label for each box. A sample is shown below. The NONSCORABLE shipping labels are specific to each testing program and each test administration.

NONSCORABLE DISTRICT: EXAMPLE ISD NUMBER: 999-999	P-021 S-02260
TAKS 3-10 & EXIT: A To: PEARSON ATTN: TAKS 710 W. HOWARD LANE, SUITE 200 AUSTIN, TX 78753	BOX OF APRIL 2009
822-965-SEC 0008	8797429 SEC

Follow these instructions as you prepare your boxes for shipping.

- 1. Verify the district name and county-district number preprinted on the appropriate TAKS NONSCORABLE shipping labels. If the information on the labels is incorrect, cross it out and **print** the correct information clearly.
- 2. Seal the boxes securely.
- 3. Affix the TAKS NONSCORABLE labels to the boxes, making sure that the original box labels are removed or covered.
- 4. In the space provided on the labels, number each box of nonscorable materials in sequence (for example, 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3).

The telephone number of the carrier to call for pickup is provided in your freight materials package. Refer to this package to find out how you should return your district's nonscorable materials. **Two working days before the pickup date**, contact your carrier to request that your nonscorable materials be collected and returned to the address printed on the NONSCORABLE shipping label.



All test booklets must be returned. Verify the range of security numbers on your test booklets to ensure that they are all accounted for and returned promptly to the testing contractor. Return TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS–M, and LAT test booklets with the other TAKS test booklets.

#### Do NOT return these nonscorable materials:

- Coordinator Manuals
- TAKS General Test Administrator Manuals
- TAKS grade-specific Test Administration Directions
- TAKS district coordinator packet
- unused paper bands
- science rulers
- mathematics or science charts
- packing lists or assembly identification sheets
- locally developed LAT bilingual glossaries
- scratch paper used as part of a testing accommodation (must be destroyed after testing)

**NOTE:** Proper-nouns lists for dyslexia bundled accommodations must be returned in the nonscorable shipment.



Copies of the Coordinator Manual, General Test Administrator Manual, and Test Administration Directions should be retained and stored for use in future administrations. Mathematics and science charts that have not been written on inadvertently may be used as instructional tools. Other nonscorable materials listed above (except for scratch paper) may be recycled.

Make sure security oaths are signed and returned.

After campus coordinators have returned all scorable and nonscorable test materials to you for the 2009 testing year, make sure that all campus coordinators and principals have submitted their initialed and signed security oaths to you. You are required to keep these oaths on file for five years from the last day of testing.

After you return the last of your district's nonscorable materials for 2009, obtain the initials and signature of your superintendent or chief administrative officer on the applicable security oath. Mail this security oath and your own initialed and signed oath to the testing contractor using the pre-addressed envelope provided in your district coordinator packet. Do **NOT** include these oaths in the boxes of scorable or nonscorable materials. Do not mail test administrator, campus coordinator, or principal oaths to the testing contractor.

Only one oath needs to be initialed and signed for the 2009 testing year by each of the following people: superintendent/chief administrative officer, district coordinator, campus coordinator, and campus principal. Any person who has more than one testing role (for instance, a principal who also serves as campus coordinator) must initial and sign the security oath for *each* role. (See the section "Test Security and Confidentiality Requirements" for more information about security oaths.)

# July and October TAKS Exit Level Retest Administrations

# Activity 15

Prepare for and conduct July and October TAKS exit level retest administrations.

The July and October TAKS exit level retest administrations will follow the procedures outlined in this manual and in the General Test Administrator Manual and Test Administration Directions. Keep the following points in mind when preparing for the July and October administrations:

- All students who were enrolled in grade 11 in spring 2009 are eligible to take any section of the test for which they have not yet met the passing standard. Students who are classified as grade 11 in the fall of 2009 but who are on track to graduate before September 1, 2010, are also eligible to participate in the October retest administrations. In addition, eligible individuals who plan to test out of district may register to test during the July administration.
- Precoded labels are provided for each retester, including those students who took TAKS (Accommodated), for whom an answer document was submitted for the previous administration. These labels are sent in the combined shipment of materials.
- All examinees must present picture identification before they may be permitted to test. A driver's license, state ID, military ID, school ID, resident alien card, or yearbook picture may be used to verify an examinee's identity. If none of these forms of identification is available, an examinee may have a school administrator sign a photograph verifying the examinee's identity prior to testing.

# **Out-of-School/Out-of-District Testing**

Out-of-school and out-of-district examinees must register by the date indicated on the registration form and Calendar of Events, and they must present picture identification in order to test. Out-of-school examinees may register online at http://www.TexasAssessment.com/tx\_oos or by completing and returning the correct registration form. Examinees who have not registered by the specified deadline must complete a registration form at the testing site. The completed registration forms must then be submitted with the scorable materials. Registration forms are included in the shipment of out-of-school/district materials and may be duplicated as needed.

In the summer, students who are unable to test at their home district's designated July testing site may test out of district. Enrolled students who wish to test out of district are required to complete the out-of-district registration form and present picture identification. For example, a student from Houston who spends the summer in Dallas and who wants to test in Dallas is required to register to test out of district. "Out-of-district" also applies to students who are part of the Texas Tech or University of Texas high school programs. The out-of-district group of students does not include any enrolled students from a neighboring district whom your district has agreed to test. In such cases, the neighboring district will forward to you any necessary test materials for its students.

**NOTE:** During the summer, districts are not required to offer a testing opportunity at every school in the district. Therefore, students who wish to test out of district must register for summer test administrations so that they will receive accurate information about the testing site. During the regular school year, districts are expected to accommodate any out-of-district tester, including students who are part of the Texas Tech and University of Texas high school programs.

#### **Submitting Answer Documents**

Submit an answer document for each examinee who tests. Also submit an answer document for any student whose ARD committee has determined since the previous administration of the exit level test that TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) is not the appropriate assessment and for each **registered** out-of-school/out-of-district examinee, whether or not the individual tests. In July, precoded labels for enrolled students who are absent may be voided and returned with the nonscorable test materials. In October, answer documents should be submitted for enrolled students who are absent. If two labels are received for an examinee, void the label that was **NOT** used and return it with the nonscorable materials.

It is not necessary to submit an exit level retest answer document for any examinee who takes all tests online.



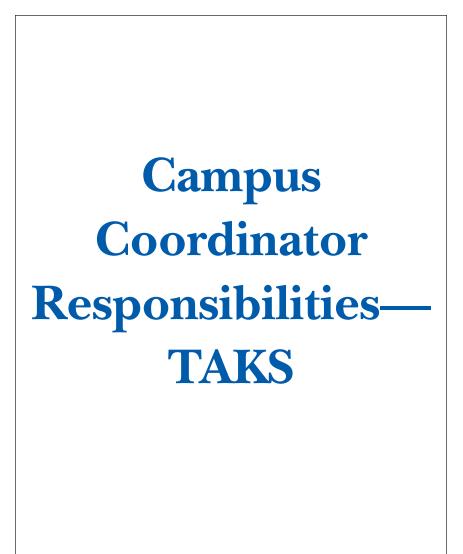
Make sure that the examinee's name, PEIMS number, and date of birth are the same on the answer document submitted for scoring as on answer documents submitted for previous test administrations.

## **Returning Test Materials**

Test materials for the July and October administrations should be packed and returned in the same manner as those for the spring administrations.

Refer to the Calendar of Events for return dates.







# CAMPUS COORDINATOR CHECKLIST—TAKS

This checklist will help you keep track of the activities and steps involved in preparing for, monitoring, and returning materials for the TAKS test administrations, including TAKS (Accommodated) and TAKS–M. Follow the dates on the Calendar of Events for training, the receipt of materials, test administrations, and the collection and return of materials. Check off the steps in each activity as you complete them to make sure you have fulfilled your responsibilities as campus coordinator. Detailed instructions for completing each step are included with each activity. This page may be duplicated as needed.

#### **Prepare for TAKS Administrations**

Activity 1	Read Coordinator Manual, General Test Administrator Manual and grade-specific Test Administration Directions, and TAKS-M test administrator manual.
	Receive and review shipment of nonsecure test materials.
	Order any additional nonsecure materials from district coordinator.
Activity 2	Prepare for and attend campus coordinator training session.
	Review and sign campus coordinator security oath.
Activity 3	Help designate test administrators.
	Distribute TAKS and TAKS–M test administrator manuals and TAKS Test Administration Directions.
	□ Schedule and conduct training sessions for test administrators.
Activity 4	Arrange for testing rooms and organize test sessions.
Activity 5	Receive shipment of secure test materials.
	Order any additional secure materials from district coordinator.
Activity 6	Receive precoded labels and answer documents.
	□ Supervise the verification of precoded materials.
Activity 7	□ Supervise the hand-gridding of scorable test booklets and blank answer documents.
Activity 8	Ensure the submission of appropriate scorable documents.
Activity 9	Coordinate preparation of scorable documents.
Activity 10	Distribute test materials to test administrators.

#### **Monitor TAKS Administrations**

- Activity 12 Oversee make-up testing.

#### **Return TAKS Materials**

- Activity 13 Direct the collection of materials from test administrators.

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# **Prepare for TAKS Administrations**

# Activity 1

Read manuals; receive and review shipment of nonsecure test materials; order any additional nonsecure materials from district coordinator.

Prior to receiving test materials, carefully read the Coordinator Manual and TAKS General Test Administrator Manual. You will receive essential nonsecure test materials in time for training and preparation. This shipment from your district coordinator will include the materials indicated in the illustration below. The size of your campus will determine the number of boxes you will receive.

**Campus Box** 

#### \*Includes TAKS and TAKS–M blank answer documents †Includes TAKS Test Administration Directions and TAKS–M and LAT manuals (if applicable)

When you receive the nonsecure test materials from the district coordinator, open the boxes carefully. You will use these boxes again to return test materials to the district coordinator after testing has been completed.

The box labeled "Packing List Enclosed" contains the packing list that you will use to check in your materials. This packing list states the quantity of each item sent to you. **If you need additional quantities of any item, notify your district coordinator immediately.** Additional copies of the proper-nouns lists for dyslexia bundled accommodations must be photocopied for use on your campus.

Campus Packing List Campus coordinator materials: Paper bands Science rulers (if applicable) Class ID Sheets Campus and Group ID Sheets Voided Answer Document ID Sheets Test Administration Directions for the campus coordinator (for training) Dyslexia Package (if applicable) Proper-Nouns Lists (Blackline Masters) Dyslexia Test Administrator Instructions (Blackline Masters) Blank answer documents\* Mathematics charts (if applicable) Science charts (if applicable) Test administrator manuals<sup>+</sup>



Included in this shipment are gummed paper bands that should be secured around answer documents for return shipping. The paper bands keep answer documents from shifting during shipping, which helps ensure that the documents will be processed in groups that match your Class Identification Sheets.

If you receive nonsecure and secure materials combined in one shipment, be sure to review the procedures in Campus Coordinator Activity 5.

## **Additional Nonsecure Materials**

Precoded answer documents/labels for TAKS and TAKS–M will arrive before each test administration. See the Calendar of Events for each test administration to determine when the precoded materials will arrive. Campus Coordinator Activity 6 provides detailed instructions for handling precoded answer documents and labels.

Prepare for and attend campus coordinator training session; review and sign campus coordinator security oath.

## **Prepare for Training**

As campus coordinator, you are the contact person for all test-related communications at your campus. You must be able to answer questions and resolve problems that arise at your campus about the TAKS test administrations.

Prior to training, make sure you have thoroughly reviewed the contents of the Coordinator Manual as well as the General Test Administrator Manual and grade-specific Test Administration Directions that will be used on your campus. It is important that you understand the procedures unique to the TAKS test administrations. **You are required to be familiar with all information in the General Test Administrator Manual and the grade-specific Test Administration Directions.** You should also review the answer documents that your campus will be using, as well as the identification sheets for returning materials. Make note of any questions you have regarding your responsibilities and any special circumstances that might arise at your campus, and be sure to discuss these during your training session.

## **Attend Campus Coordinator Training Session**

District coordinators are required to annually train all campus coordinators in test security and general testing procedures and provide training specific to each administration. Your district coordinator will inform you as to the time and location of your training. All campus coordinator training must be completed by the date indicated on the Calendar of Events.

Once your training is completed, you should be knowledgeable about the following topics. If you have questions that are not answered in your training, be sure to ask your district coordinator. You will also include most of these topics in training your test administrators:

- campus coordinator responsibilities
- test administrator responsibilities
- test administration schedule
- make-up testing
- test security regulations and oaths
- proper testing procedures, including, for example, seating charts and student honor statements (where appropriate)
- consequences of cheating for students and educators
- testing students taking a combination of TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS–M, and LAT tests



- identifying students eligible for testing accommodations
  - TAKS (Accommodated) accommodations and administration procedures
  - TAKS-M accommodations and administration procedures
  - dyslexia bundled accommodations and administration procedures
  - LAT accommodations and administration procedures
- procedures for receiving, distributing, and storing test materials
- procedures for verifying precoded labels/answer documents and hand-gridding student information
- duplication of written compositions and open-ended responses
- ensuring the submission of appropriate answer documents
- gridding the appropriate score code
- gridding accommodations information on TAKS and TAKS–M scorable documents
- gridding LAT information
- importance of completing the Class, Campus and Group, and Voided Answer Document Identification (ID) Sheets accurately
- procedures for returning materials

#### **Review and Sign Campus Coordinator Security Oath**

Prior to training, make sure you have reviewed your security oath and understand your obligations and the obligations of your campus principal concerning test security and confidentiality as set forth in this manual. See the section "Test Security and Confidentiality Requirements." Ask for clarification as needed at your training session. You must initial each item and sign your security oath before you handle any secure test materials. You should also familiarize yourself with the security oath for test administrators.

The campus coordinator oath and campus principal oath are located in Appendix B. After all testing for the 2009 testing year has been completed, you must also sign the bottom of the oath affirming that you have complied with the state assessment requirements. You will return both oaths to your district coordinator after all test materials have been returned. (See Campus Coordinator Activity 15.)

> Only one oath needs to be initialed and signed for the 2009 testing year by each of the following people: superintendent/chief administrative officer, district coordinator, campus coordinator, and campus principal. Any person who has more than one testing role (for instance, a principal who also serves as campus coordinator) must initial and sign the security oath for *each* role. (See the section "Test Security and Confidentiality Requirements" for more information about security oaths.)

Help designate test administrators; distribute manuals; schedule and conduct training sessions for test administrators.

## Help Designate Test Administrators

Select test administrators in cooperation with your principal, designating at least one test administrator for every 30 students to be tested. Test administrators should be professionals or under the supervision of professionals who hold valid education credentials such as Texas educator certificates and permits. Those selected may include the following:

- teachers (including those who hold teaching permits or probationary certificates)
- counselors
- librarians
- substitute teachers
- other professional educators (such as retired teachers), whether or not currently employed in the field of education

Certified and noncertified paraprofessionals who are currently employed by the district and routinely work with students in the classroom may serve as test administrators, monitors, or assistants, provided that they are trained in test administration procedures prior to each administration. Paraprofessionals must be supervised, either directly or indirectly, by a certified professional throughout the test administration.

Districts may allow a bilingual teacher to administer the English version of the TAKS test to English-dominant students and the Spanish version of the TAKS test to Spanish-dominant students in the same test session. Because directions must be read verbatim, the test administrator must read aloud the directions for one test completely before reading the directions for the other test. Depending on the grade and subject, some sample test items and writing prompts may differ from one version of the test to the other.

District and campus coordinators should collaborate closely to determine which personnel they will need to train as LAT test administrators. The number of LAT test administrators will depend on how many LEP-exempt students they have and how many individual versus small-group LAT administrations they will need. Individuals conducting, monitoring, or assisting in LAT administrations should be familiar with the academic skills assessed and the linguistic needs of the students in their test sessions, and should work routinely with the students in delivering or assisting with instruction.

# **Distribute Test Administrator Manuals and Test Administration Directions**

Distribute the test administrator manuals and Test Administration Directions early enough to allow sufficient time before training sessions for all test administrators to read their manuals thoroughly. Use the test administrator manuals and Test Administration Directions to conduct training sessions. Plan your test administrator training session to allow enough time for questions and discussion. Plan ahead to avoid last-minute training.

### **Schedule and Conduct Training Sessions for Test** Administrators



Test administrators are required to receive annual training in test security and general testing procedures. In addition, test administrators must have training in the procedures unique to each TAKS test administration. To prepare your test administrators for testing, you must conduct a training session or sessions by the date indicated on the Calendar of Events.

Instruct test administrators to carefully review the test administrator manual and Test Administration Directions prior to training and to bring them to the training session. Instruct administrators to read carefully the test administrator oath of test security and confidentiality and the section titled "Test Security and Confidentiality" in the test administrator manual. They must sign the oath **before** handling any secure test materials. Test administrators will also be required to sign an oath following each administration-specific training, as well as after each administration. The administration-specific oaths are located in the Test Administration Directions.

You should be knowledgeable about and include the following topics in the test administrator training session:

- test administrator responsibilities
- test administration schedule
- make-up testing
- test security regulations and oaths
- proper testing procedures
- testing students taking a combination of TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS–M, and LAT tests
- testing accommodations
  - TAKS (Accommodated) administration and accommodations procedures
  - TAKS-M administration and accommodations procedures
  - dyslexia bundled administration and accommodations procedures
  - LAT administration and accommodations procedures
- procedures for receiving, distributing, and storing test materials



- duplication of written compositions and responses to open-ended items
- ensuring the submission of appropriate answer documents
- gridding the appropriate score code
- gridding accommodations information on the TAKS and TAKS–M scorable documents
- gridding LAT information
- importance of completing the Class, Campus and Group, and Voided Answer Document Identification Sheets accurately
- procedures for returning materials

Plan each training session so that there is enough time for questions and discussion. If there are questions during a session that you are unable to answer, contact your district coordinator.

Arrange for testing rooms and organize test sessions.

In cooperation with your school's principal, arrange for testing rooms.

- Testing rooms should be well lighted, well ventilated, quiet, and comfortable.
- Each student must have enough space in which to work, and no characteristic of the room's environment should hinder any student's test performance.
- Each student should be sufficiently separated from other students to work without distraction.
- If the room is large, you may need to make arrangements for any necessary adaptations, such as a public-address system, in order to give instructions to those being tested.
- A "Testing—Do Not Disturb" sign should be posted outside the testing room.
- Bulletin boards and instructional displays that might aid students during testing must be covered or removed.
- Students taking LAT administrations must not be tested in a room with students taking the regular TAKS tests.
- Students receiving accommodations may need to be tested individually or in small groups.
- The TAKS tests, including TAKS (Accommodated) and TAKS–M, are not timed. However, you should schedule at least two hours for each test session.
- Students must be allowed enough time to respond to every test item. (See "During Testing" in Campus Coordinator Activity 11.)
- Plan to move students who need extra time to another testing room if necessary. (See "Changing Testing Rooms" in Campus Coordinator Activity 11.)
- Activities that would interfere with testing conditions or timing should be scheduled at another time.

## Activity 5

Receive shipment of secure test materials; order any additional secure materials from district coordinator.

## **Receive Shipment of Secure Test Materials**

**Campus Box** 

Campus Packing List Test booklets: TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), LAT<sup>+</sup>, and TAKS–M<sup>+</sup>; also includes large-print booklets<sup>+</sup> LAT linguistic simplification guides<sup>+</sup>

Note: For the April grades 3–10 and exit level secure test materials shipment, TAKS–M materials will be shipped in separate boxes on a separate schedule (see Calendar of Events). † If applicable

Before handling any secure materials, make sure you have signed the campus coordinator oath. Keep the following points in mind as you receive secure test materials.

- Each shipment of secure test materials will contain test booklets.
- When you receive the secure materials from the district coordinator, open the boxes carefully. You will use these boxes again to return test materials to the district coordinator after testing has been completed.
- Retain the packing list, which can be found in the box labeled "Packing List Enclosed," throughout the testing process. Use the list for each secure shipment to check in your test booklets.
- To ensure the security of the test, each package of test booklets is sealed in plastic.
   You must not break open the packages when you receive the materials.
- Visible through the plastic wrap is a white form. Verify that the quantity of booklets in each package matches the quantity indicated on the white form by counting the booklets through the plastic.
- Verify that the nine-digit security number range stated on each white form matches the range of numbers on the packing list. If you find a discrepancy between your individual Campus Packing List and the contents of the boxes, report the discrepancy **immediately** to your district coordinator.



## **Order Additional Materials**

- If you find that you were not sent enough test booklets, contact your district coordinator immediately after determining the quantity and type needed for the grades to be tested.
- If you will have students taking LAT administrations, make sure you have sufficient quantities of secure LAT linguistic simplification guides for test administrators and LAT test booklets in English and/or Spanish. Depending on the accommodations provided, some students taking LAT administrations in grades 3–6 may need both an English and Spanish version of the LAT test booklet. There is one form of each LAT test booklet. A regular TAKS test booklet cannot be used to resolve LAT shortages because the tests are different. Note that there are no LAT test booklets for LAT administrations of TAKS–M. Students will use TAKS–M booklets for their LAT administration.
- In calculating the quantity of additional TAKS test booklets required, keep in mind that each test administrator who conducts an oral administration or an administration using the dyslexia bundled accommodations will require a Form 1 test booklet, the same form number as that of the student(s) receiving the oral administration. Campus coordinators are responsible for distributing Form 1 in appropriate situations.
- When the additional test booklets arrive, update your original packing list with the nine-digit security number range on the additional test booklets.



Failure to *immediately* notify your district coordinator of any discrepancy in your shipment and to request additional materials may result in the additional materials arriving *after* the scheduled testing date.

Keep all test materials in locked storage (for example, in a locked filing cabinet, a locked room, a locked closet, etc.) when not in use.

# Activity 6

Receive precoded labels and answer documents; supervise the verification of precoded materials.

Precoded labels and answer documents will arrive in a separate shipment for the primary administration. These materials may arrive three to four weeks prior to the due date noted on the Calendar of Events. The preprinted information on all precoded labels and answer documents must be verified for accuracy and completeness. The information submitted on the answer document should reflect the student's status at the time of testing. If the information has been precoded correctly, there is no need for it to be hand-gridded on the answer document. Inaccurate student information may prevent the current test administration data from merging with a student's permanent record file. Inaccurate information can be corrected by hand-gridding the correct information on the cover of an appropriate scorable test booklet or answer document. Hand-gridded information does not change the student information contained in a PEIMS file at the Texas Education Agency. Hand-gridded information will override any precoded information other than the student name and PEIMS number.



At all grade levels, all identification numbers must be verified by school personnel only. Similarly, only school personnel selected by you or your principal are permitted to verify the information in the FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY section of the answer document. Refer to Appendix A for information regarding the student data elements.

## Precoded Labels TAKS Grades 3, 10, and Exit Level

#### Grade 3

Arrange for the precoded information to be verified by school personnel and for the labels to be affixed to the grade 3 scorable test booklets, including grade 3 TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS–M, and LAT scorable test booklets. Students enrolled in grade 3 should not be asked to verify any of the student data elements on their test booklet covers.

You may

- break open the packages of test booklets before the first day of testing so that the data can be verified and the labels affixed, and
- use a grade 3 label on a TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or LAT English-version or Spanish-version test booklet.

Test booklet seals must not be broken, and the contents of the tests must not be examined. Follow the sign-out/sign-in procedures used for secure materials. (See Campus Coordinator Activity 10.) Verifying and affixing the labels should only be done under your supervision. If it takes more than one day to complete this task, collect the booklets at the end of each day and redistribute them the next day. Test booklets must be kept in locked storage when not in use.



#### Grade 10 ELA, Exit Level ELA, Exit Level Retests

Precoded labels will also be sent for the grade 10 and exit level English language arts tests as well as for all exit level retests and the grade 10 ELA LAT administration in April. School personnel must verify the information on these labels and affix the labels to the appropriate answer documents.

#### TAKS-M

Precoded labels will be used for all TAKS–M tests. TAKS–M precoded labels will be generated for all students classified as receiving special education services from the October 2008 PEIMS information or district-supplied information for the grades and subject in which a TAKS–M assessment is provided. The receipt of a TAKS–M precoded label does not determine which assessment a student receiving special education services should be given. The assessment decisions for students receiving special education services are made by their ARD committees.

You must not interchange TAKS and/or TAKS–M labels. Using a label designated for another testing program will delay the processing of your results.

## **Correcting Inaccurate Information on Precoded Labels**

School personnel should follow the instructions below to correct inaccurate information on labels. These instructions for verifying precoded data are also included with the shipment of precoded materials.

#### Inaccurate student name or PEIMS student identification number

- Step 1: Void the label by writing "VOID" across it. If the label has not been affixed to a scorable document, return the voided label with the nonscorable materials. (If the label has already been affixed to a scorable document, you must void the scorable document by writing "VOID" in large, bold letters across the student information grids on the cover and return it with the scorable materials.)
- **Step 2:** On a blank scorable document, print and hand-grid the correct information in the appropriate fields. You must also print and hand-grid all other information and data (if correct) from the label or the Campus Precode Student List. Use only a No. 2 pencil.
- **Step 3:** Voided (or unused) labels not affixed to a scorable document should be returned with the **nonscorable** materials. Voided scorable documents must be placed under a Voided Answer Document Identification Sheet and returned with the **scorable** materials.



#### Any other inaccurate precoded information

- **Step 1:** Affix the label to a blank scorable document.
- **Step 2:** Hand-grid the correct information in the appropriate field on the scorable document. Use only a No. 2 pencil. Do not hand-grid any field other than the one(s) being corrected.

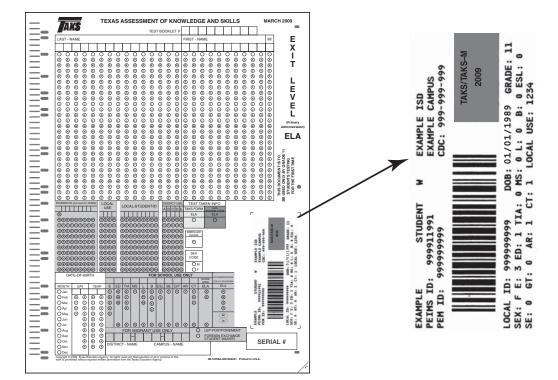
For example, if the label incorrectly identifies a grade 3 student as participating in an English as a second language (ESL) content-based program, the label can still be used if the **correct** information is hand-gridded on the test booklet cover. To correct the error, bubble in the zero in the "ESL" field in the FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY section, as shown below. **Program information that is hand-gridded will override the corresponding precoded program information. The information submitted on the answer document should reflect the student's status at the time of testing.** 

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#### Sample from a TAKS Grade 3 Test Booklet

# **Correct Placement of a Precoded Label on Answer Document/Booklet**

Labels must be applied in the correct location on the scorable documents. **Samples of the front** of a scorable test booklet and of an answer document, with sample labels affixed correctly, are included in the district coordinator packet. You may also refer to the directions on the test booklet cover or answer document to determine the correct placement of the labels. If a label is affixed improperly, the scorable test booklet or answer document must be voided and the information must be hand-gridded on a blank scorable test booklet or answer document.



**Do not discard labels for students who are no longer enrolled in your school.** If you receive labels for students who are enrolled elsewhere in your school district, you may forward the labels to the appropriate schools. However, do **NOT** send precoded labels or answer documents to another school district. Unused labels must be voided and returned with the nonscorable materials. **NOTE:** Unused precoded answer documents must be voided and returned with scorable materials.

### Precoded Answer Documents TAKS April Grades 4–9 and Grade 10 and Exit Level Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

To minimize the hand-gridding of blank TAKS answer documents, you will be provided a precoded TAKS answer document for all students for whom an answer document was submitted in March, including students who were administered TAKS–M. If a student will take TAKS–M in all subjects in April, you should void the precoded TAKS answer document for that student. If a student is participating in TAKS–Alt, any precoded materials for that student should be voided.

You might receive precoded answer documents for students who are no longer enrolled in your school. If the answer documents are for students who are enrolled elsewhere in your school district, you should forward the answer documents to the appropriate schools. Otherwise, these answer documents should be voided and returned with the scorable materials. **NOTE:** Unused precoded answer documents must be voided and returned with scorable materials.

## **Correcting Inaccurate Information on Precoded Answer Documents**

School personnel should follow these steps to correct inaccurate information on precoded answer documents:

#### Inaccurate student name or PEIMS student identification number

- **Step 1:** Void the precoded answer document by writing "VOID" in **large**, **bold** letters across the student information grids.
- **Step 2:** On a blank answer document, print and hand-grid the correct information in the appropriate fields. You must also print and hand-grid all other information and data (if correct) from the precoded document or the Campus Precode Student List. Use only a No. 2 pencil.
- **Step 3:** Place the voided answer documents under a Voided Answer Document Identification Sheet and return with the scorable materials.

#### Any other inaccurate precoded information

Step 1: Retain the answer document.

**Step 2:** Hand-grid the correct information in the appropriate field on the answer document. Use only a No. 2 pencil. Do not hand-grid any field other than the one(s) being corrected.



For example, if a precoded TAKS answer document incorrectly identifies a student as participating in a Tech Prep program at the time of testing, the correct option in the "CT" field should be bubbled in, as shown below.

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#### Sample from a TAKS Grade 7 Answer Document

- Except for the student's name and PEIMS student-identification number, hand-gridded information will override precoded information. Hand-gridded information does not change student information contained in a PEIMS file at TEA; it updates information only for the current test administration. The information submitted on the answer document should reflect the student's status at the time of testing.
- The TAKS results used by TEA will be based on the information provided on the answer documents as received by the testing contractor. After answer documents have been submitted for scoring, districts will NOT be able to make corrections to the student-identification information, demographic or program participation information, or score code status.
- It is important that a student's identification information be the same for all test administrations. If a student's name, identification number, or date of birth on a precoded document is incorrect, make the correction *at the time of the first administration* of the testing year. If the error is found *after* the first administration, do not correct the error.

## Activity 7

Supervise the hand-gridding of scorable test booklets and blank answer documents.

If you are testing students for whom you have not received precoded answer documents or labels, you will need to supervise the hand-gridding of blank scorable test booklets or answer documents for these students. All student information and program information must be hand-gridded on the booklets or answer documents using only a No. 2 pencil. If school personnel hand-grid any of the data elements before the test administration, they must also be sure to complete the STUDENT NAME field so that the appropriate scorable test booklet or answer document is distributed to each student at the time of testing. Refer to Appendix A for information regarding the student data elements for TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS–M, and LAT.

## Hand-Gridding Grade 3 Scorable Test Booklets

School personnel may break open the packages of scorable test booklets before the first day of testing in order to hand-grid the test booklet covers. Test booklet seals must not be broken, and the contents of the test must not be examined. Follow the sign-out/sign-in procedures used for secure materials. (See Campus Coordinator Activity 10.) Gridding should be done only under your supervision. If it takes more than one day to complete the gridding, collect the booklets at the end of each day and redistribute them the next day. Test booklets must be kept in locked storage when not in use.

It is strongly recommended that the scorable test booklet covers be gridded prior to test administration. If they are not, each student's name must be printed on a booklet prior to testing.

## Hand-Gridding Blank Answer Documents for Grades 4–10 and Exit Level

Identification numbers and data in the FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY section of the answer documents **must** be gridded by school personnel. (See the next page.) You may also choose to have school personnel grid the rest of the student identification information, such as name and date of birth. Otherwise, when appropriate, students may grid this information according to the instructions read to them by the test administrator at the beginning of their first test session. Test administrators must verify that the student-identification information has been completed correctly before returning test materials to you at the end of the test administration.



## **Pattern Gridding**

If a student does not participate in any special programs, the fields in the FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY section may be "pattern gridded." This means that two lines may be drawn through the bottom row of circles, as shown below, instead of bubbling in each selection.

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#### Sample from a TAKS Grade 6 Answer Document

After testing, the SCORE CODE field may also be pattern gridded if the test is to be scored, as shown below.

#### Sample from a TAKS Grade 6 Answer Document

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**NOTE:** Pattern gridding does not apply to the Ethnicity (E) field. Pattern gridding of the SCORE CODE field cannot be used for students who were tested with the LAT administration of TAKS. The score code for these students must be marked "L," not "S."

## Activity 8 Ensure the submission of appropriate scorable documents.

As campus coordinator, you are responsible for following the guidelines for submitting appropriate scorable documents. (Scorable documents include answer sheets, answer folders, and scorable test booklets.) Refer to Campus Coordinator Activities 6 and 7 for information about verifying precoded scorable documents and labels and for hand-gridding procedures.

## **Guidelines for Submitting Scorable Documents**

Title 19, Section 101.25(b) of the Texas Administrative Code (see Appendix C of this manual) specifies that the superintendent of each school district or the chief administrative officer of each charter school and any private school administering the tests shall be responsible for test administrations. To ensure that the effort has been made to administer the assessment instruments to all eligible students, a district must follow the guidelines below for determining the submission of appropriate scorable documents.

## March Administration—Writing/Reading/ELA

#### Students in Grades 4, 7, 9, 10, and 11/Exit Level

Submit one TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 4, 7, 9, 10, or 11/exit level, regardless of whether the student tested, **except in the following cases**:

- No TAKS answer document needs to be submitted for students who must take the TAAS exit level writing test to meet their graduation requirement.
- No TAKS answer document needs to be submitted for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.
- No exit level PRIMARY ADMINISTRATION answer document for English language arts (ELA) should be submitted for a grade 11 student who has already passed or attempted the TAKS exit level tests. If the student is retesting in March, submit a TAKS exit level RETEST answer document for that student as part of the March retest administration discussed on the next page.
- An answer document must be submitted in March for grade 10 LEP-exempt students who will receive a LAT ELA administration of TAKS or TAKS–M in April.



Materials for the March writing/reading/ELA tests must be submitted separately from materials for the other March administrations.



## March Administration—Grades 3, 5, and 8 Reading

Submit a TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or TAKS–M English-version scorable test booklet or a TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) Spanish-version scorable test booklet for each student in grade 3, regardless of whether the student tested.

Submit either a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student in grades 5 and 8, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student takes the TAKS–M test, then void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists). Likewise, if the student takes the TAKS test, then void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

There is only one LAT reading administration of TAKS or TAKS–M. Students taking LAT administrations are not subject to SSI retest requirements. LEP-exempt students at grades 3, 5, and 8 who will participate in a LAT reading administration of TAKS or TAKS–M will be tested in April. A scorable document must be submitted in March indicating a LEP exemption for students who will receive a LAT reading administration of TAKS or TAKS–M in these grades in April.



Materials for the grades 3, 5, and 8 reading tests are to be submitted separately from materials for the other March administrations.

## March Administration—Exit Level Retest

Submit an exit level retest answer document for the following individuals:

- any enrolled student for whom a precoded label was received, whether or not the student tested
- any student for whom a blank answer document was hand-gridded and who tested
- each registered out-of-school examinee, whether or not the individual tested

Do NOT submit an exit level retest answer document for the following individuals:

- any student for whom all score code information was submitted through the online testing system
- any student who was first classified as a grade 11 student in the fall of 2008 unless the student is expected to graduate before September 1, 2009

Most grade 11 students will take the primary exit level test. Contact your district coordinator with questions about testing students enrolled in accelerated or alternative programs.



Materials for the March TAKS exit level retests must be submitted separately from materials for the other March administrations. In particular, do not mix exit level RETEST answer documents with ELA answer documents for the exit level PRIMARY ADMINISTRATION.

## **April Administration—Grades 5 and 8 Mathematics**

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grades 5 and 8, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student takes the TAKS–M test, then void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists). Likewise, if the student takes the TAKS test, then void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

## April Administration—Grades 3–11 and Exit Level

#### **Students in Grade 3**

Submit a TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), LAT (if applicable), or TAKS–M mathematics scorable test booklet or a TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or LAT (if applicable) Spanish-version mathematics scorable test booklet for each student enrolled in grade 3. Do not submit a scorable test booklet for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

#### Students in Grades 5 and 9

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student in grade 5 (science) and grade 9 (mathematics), regardless of whether the student tested. If the student takes the TAKS–M test, then void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists). Likewise, if the student takes the TAKS test, then void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

#### Students in Grades 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10

Submit a TAKS and/or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grades 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student takes the TAKS–M test in all subjects, then void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists). Likewise, if the student takes the TAKS test in all subjects, then void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). For the separate April grade 10 LAT English language arts administration, submit a LAT answer document for any LEP-exempt student receiving this LAT administration. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

#### **Students in Grade 11**

Submit a TAKS exit level primary administration answer document for all grade 11 students for whom TAKS is a graduation requirement and who are eligible to take the exit level mathematics, science, and social studies tests **for the first time**, regardless of whether they tested. If the student is taking TAKS–M for all three subjects, void any precoded TAKS answer documents and submit a TAKS–M answer document. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.



# April Administration—Grades 3, 5, and 8 Reading Retests

Submit an English-version or Spanish-version TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) or a TAKS–M reading scorable test booklet for each grade 3 student who has not yet met the passing standard. The April retest administration is also when LAT administrations of TAKS and TAKS–M reading are administered. Submit an English-version or Spanish-version scorable LAT reading test booklet for any grade 3 student who is eligible for a LAT administration of TAKS.

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M scorable test booklet or answer document for each grade 3, 5, and 8 student who has not yet met the passing standard for TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or TAKS–M, regardless of whether the student tested, and for students taking LAT administrations.

Do not submit a scorable test booklet or answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.



Materials for the grades 3, 5, and 8 reading retests must be returned separately from materials for the other April administrations.

## **April Administration—Exit Level Retest**

Submit an exit level retest answer document for the following individuals:

- any enrolled student for whom a precoded label was received, whether or not the student tested
- any student for whom a blank answer document was hand-gridded and who tested
- each registered out-of-school examinee, whether or not the individual tested

**NOTE:** Do not submit an answer document for **any** student for whom all score code information was submitted through the online testing system.



Materials for the TAKS exit level retest are to be submitted separately from materials for the other April administrations. In particular, do not mix exit level RETEST answer documents with answer documents for the exit level PRIMARY ADMINISTRATION.

### May Administration—Grades 5 and 8 Mathematics Retests

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grades 5 and 8 who has not yet met the passing standard, regardless of whether the student tested.

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### June/July Administration—Grades 3, 5, and 8 Reading and Grades 5 and 8 Mathematics Retests

Submit an English-version or Spanish-version TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) or a TAKS–M scorable test booklet for each eligible student in grade 3 who has not yet met the passing standard on the reading test, regardless of whether the student tested. Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each eligible student in grades 5 and 8 who has not yet met the passing standard on either the reading or mathematics test, regardless of whether the student tested.

Do NOT submit scorable test booklets or answer documents in the following cases:

- a grade 3 student was reported as LEP-exempt in reading on an earlier administration
- a grade 5 or grade 8 student was reported as LEP-exempt in reading and mathematics in an earlier administration

## July Administration—Exit Level Retest

Submit a TAKS answer document for the following individuals:

- any enrolled student for whom a precoded label was received and who tested
- any student for whom a blank answer document was hand-gridded and who tested
- each registered TAKS out-of-school/out-of-district examinee, whether or not the individual tested

**NOTE:** Do **NOT** submit an answer document for **any** student for whom all score code information was submitted through the online testing system.



July precoded labels for students who are no longer enrolled should be voided and returned with the nonscorable materials.



## **October Administration—Exit Level Retest**

Submit a TAKS answer document for the following individuals:

- any student for whom a precoded label was received, whether or not the student tested
- any student for whom a blank answer document was hand-gridded and who tested
- each registered TAKS out-of-school/out-of-district examinee, whether or not the individual tested

**NOTE:** Do **NOT** submit an answer document for **any** student for whom all score code information was submitted through the online testing system.



Materials for the October TAKS exit level retest are to be submitted separately from TAAS materials.

## **All TAKS Administrations**

Precoded labels for individuals who are no longer enrolled in your district must be voided and returned with the nonscorable materials. Voided precoded answer documents should be returned with the scorable materials. For students taking TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or LAT, be sure to mark the answer document appropriately. If the student is testing in a combination of subject areas in TAKS and TAKS–M, be sure to submit two answer documents, TAKS and TAKS–M, with the score codes appropriately marked. See Campus Coordinator Activity 9 for more information about preparing answer documents.



## Activity 9 Coordinate preparation of scorable documents.

## Overview

The TAKS testing program has separate scorable test booklets for grade 3: TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), LAT administrations of TAKS, and TAKS–M. TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), and LAT administrations of TAKS are available in both English and Spanish at grades 3–6. TAKS–M is not available in Spanish. TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M are available in large print and braille. LAT versions of these assessments are available in large print, but with the exception of TAKS-M are not available in braille.

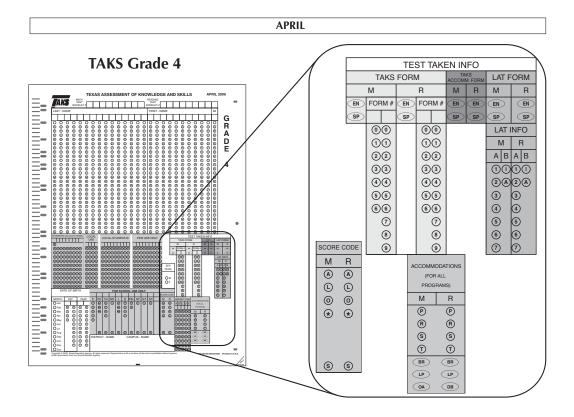
The TAKS answer document is a combined answer document for English and Spanish TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), and LAT administrations of TAKS. There is a separate TAKS–M answer document. Both a TAKS and TAKS–M answer document must be submitted when a student takes a combination of TAKS and TAKS–M tests.

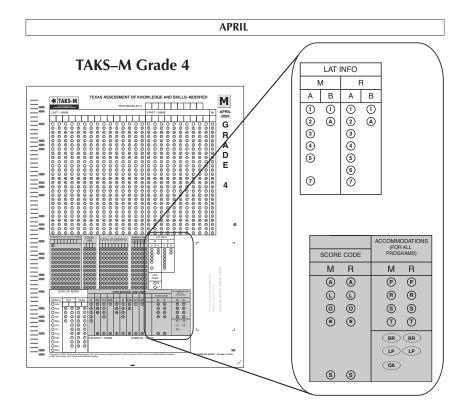
The samples on the following page show the TEST TAKEN INFO field and the ACCOMMODATIONS (FOR ALL PROGRAMS) field as they appear on an April TAKS grade 4 answer document and on an April TAKS–M grade 4 answer document.



It is critical to mark the TEST TAKEN INFO field regardless of the score code. For example, if a student takes the March grade 5 Spanish version of the TAKS (Accommodated) form, "S" must be gridded in the SCORE CODE field to indicate that the test must be scored along with the "SP" under TAKS ACCOMM. FORM to indicate that the student took the TAKS (Accommodated) form in Spanish.









## **Student Data Elements**

Information regarding each student data element on the scorable document can be found in Appendix A.

The student-identification section of the scorable document includes such information as the student's name, identification number, and sex. All identification numbers must be verified or hand-gridded only by school personnel. Similarly, only school personnel selected by you or your principal are permitted to verify or hand-grid the information in the FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY section of the scorable document.

Program information submitted on the answer document should reflect the student's status at the time of testing. Current information should be provided on the scorable document if the student is new to the district or if the student's program or demographic information has changed since the fall 2008 PEIMS submission.

It is important that the student-identification information (PEIMS student-ID, student name, and birth date) be accurate because it is part of the individual's permanent record, which contains the student's performance-standard information history and other relevant data. If you have any questions concerning these elements, contact your district coordinator.

If a demographic or program information field is left blank for any student, data from the October 31, 2008, PEIMS submission will be used to complete the field if possible. If it is not possible to match a student's scorable document to the appropriate PEIMS record, data from any field left blank will be aggregated and reported as "No information provided" for that data element.

## TAKS/TAKS-M Score Code Fields

The SCORE CODE field in the FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY section indicates whether a student's test should be scored. For each subject-area test, select only one score code. The TAKS/TAKS–M score code options are described below. Examples of completed SCORE CODE fields for the various TAKS/TAKS–M scorable documents are shown on the pages that follow.

Failure to mark the appropriate score code may result in a score of ZERO for the student.

- **A** = Absent (Do not mark if an eligible student will take a make-up test.)
- L = Exempt-LEP: Student is exempt on the basis of limited English proficiency, as determined by a language proficiency assessment committee (LPAC) and documented in the student's permanent record file, according to 19 TAC §101.1007(b).
- **O** = Other, such as test administration irregularity, illness during testing, one-time LEP postponement, or foreign exchange student waiver
- **\*** = The student did not test on the answer document for the subject indicated.
- ARD = ARD Committee has determined that TAKS–M is not appropriate for the student in grades 3, 5, or 8 reading or grades 5 or 8 mathematics for SSI retest opportunities.
  - **PW** = Parental Waiver: Parent or guardian requested that the student not participate in the third TAKS testing opportunity in grades 3, 5, or 8 reading, or grades 5 or 8 mathematics.
- ALT = A state-approved alternate assessment was administered instead of the third TAKS testing opportunity for the grade 3 reading English-version test. This score code does NOT signify TAKS–Alt assessment.
  - **P** = Previously met passing standard
  - X = ARD Decision: For TAKS exit level retest, student does not participate on the basis of special education, as determined by an ARD committee and documented in the student's individualized education program (IEP), according to 19 TAC §101.5(c).
  - **S** = Test to be scored

If a student is absent during testing *and* is exempt on the basis of limited English proficiency, the student's score code must be marked to indicate the exemption, not the absence. In the case of students taking LAT administrations, the LEP exemption must be marked in the SCORE CODE field *and* the absence must be indicated in the LAT INFO area (see page 158).



## **TEST TAKEN INFO Field**

In the TEST TAKEN INFO field of the TAKS answer document, test administrators or other campus personnel will record the form number of each TAKS subject-area test administered (under TAKS FORM, as applicable) and whether the student took an English or Spanish version of the test (on answer documents for grades 4–6). Additionally, for students receiving a LAT administration of TAKS, there is a grid to indicate which LAT accommodations were used.



The appropriate fields must be correctly gridded to indicate which test, or combination of tests, was administered to a student.

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#### **April TAKS Grade 4**

## TAKS/TAKS–M Score Codes for Students Testing in Grade 3 Reading and Mathematics

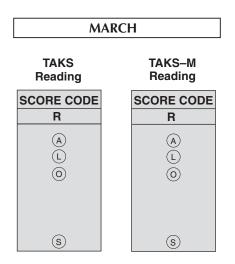
There will be three opportunities for students to take the TAKS and TAKS–M grade 3 reading tests. The tests will be administered in March, April, and July 2009. Students taking LAT administrations are not subject to SSI grade-advancement requirements in reading and do not participate in reading retests.

#### March Administration—Grade 3 Reading

For the grade 3 reading test in March, submit a TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or TAKS–M English-version or a TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) Spanish-version scorable test booklet for each student enrolled in grade 3, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code bubble under the "R" in the score code.

There is only one LAT grade 3 reading administration, and it is held in April. It is important that information about LEP exemptions be submitted accurately on March scorable test booklets for all LEP-exempt students. Ensure that students who are LEP-exempt from TAKS or TAKS–M do not mistakenly test in March. If a student is LEP-exempt, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code on the appropriate TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) English or Spanish-version or TAKS–M grade 3 scorable test booklet for the March administration.

Do not submit a scorable test booklet for a student participating in the TAKS-Alt assessment.



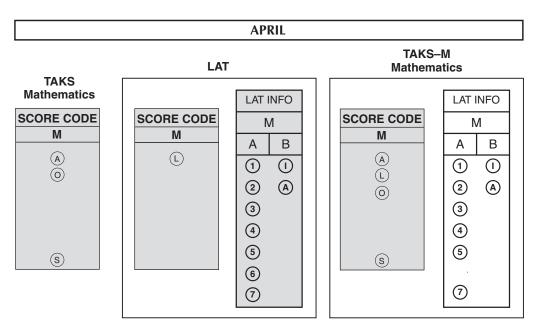
#### **April Administration—Grade 3 Mathematics**

For the mathematics test in April, submit a TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), LAT, or TAKS–M English-version mathematics scorable test booklet or a TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or LAT Spanish-version mathematics scorable test booklet for each student enrolled in grade 3, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code bubble under the "M" in the score code.

For students taking LAT administrations, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code on a LAT or TAKS–M scorable test booklet to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then fill in the LAT INFO area. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.

TAKS-M is not offered in Spanish.

Do not submit a scorable test booklet for a student who participated in the TAKS-Alt assessment.



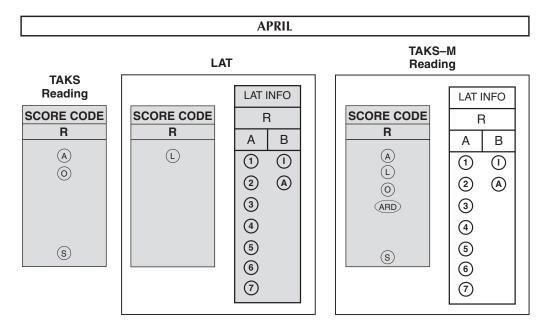


#### April Administration—Grade 3 Reading Retest

For the grade 3 reading retest, submit a TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) English- or Spanish-version scorable test booklet or a TAKS–M scorable test booklet for each eligible grade 3 student who did not meet the passing standard in March. Fill in the appropriate score code bubble under the "R" in the score code.

The April reading retest administration is also when LAT administrations of TAKS and TAKS–M reading tests are administered. For students taking LAT administrations, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code on the LAT scorable test booklet to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then, fill in the LAT INFO area. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.

Do not submit a TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or TAKS–M reading scorable test booklet for a student who met the standard in March. A student cannot be classified as LEP-exempt from the April reading administration if he or she took the grade 3 reading test in March. Do not submit a scorable test booklet for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.





#### July Administration—Grade 3 Reading Retest

For the grade 3 reading retest, submit a TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) English- or Spanishversion scorable test booklet or a TAKS–M scorable test booklet for each eligible grade 3 student who did not meet the passing standard in April. Fill in the appropriate score code bubble under the "R." A student cannot be classified as LEP-exempt from the July reading administration if he or she took the grade 3 reading test in March or April. The "ALT" bubble indicates that a state-approved alternate assessment was administered instead of the third TAKS testing opportunity for the grade 3 reading English-version test. Do not submit a scorable document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

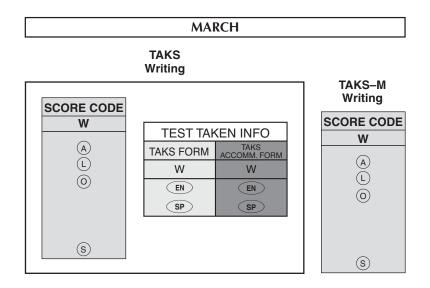
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# TAKS/TAKS–M Score Codes for Students Testing in Grade 4 Writing, Mathematics, and Reading

#### March Administration—Grade 4 Writing (English and Spanish)

For the grade 4 writing test in March, submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 4, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the appropriate score code. Then, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "W" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "W" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. Then, void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists). Likewise, if the student took TAKS, void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). TAKS–M is not offered in Spanish. Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.





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for each student enrolled in grade 4, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the appropriate score codes (under "M" and/or "R") in the SCORE CODE field. Then, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the appropriate subject ("M" and/or "R") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the appropriate score codes (under "M" and/or "R") in the SCORE CODE field. Then, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "M" and/or "R" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. See the sample below. The student tested both subjects in English, but took TAKS in reading and TAKS (Accommodated) in mathematics.

April Administration—Grade 4 Mathematics and Reading (English and Spanish) For the grade 4 mathematics and reading tests, submit a TAKS or TAKS-M answer document

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For students receiving a LAT administration in mathematics and/or reading, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the appropriate subject ("M" and/or "R") in the LAT FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. Also complete the LAT INFO area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.



If the student took TAKS–M in both subjects, void the precoded TAKS answer document and submit a TAKS–M answer document. On the TAKS–M answer document, bubble in the appropriate score codes. See the sample below.

If the student has taken TAKS–M with LAT accommodations, bubble in the "L" score code and complete the LAT INFO area. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

	APR	RIL							
TAKS–M Mathematics and Reading									
SCORE	CODE R		L/		NFC	_			
(A) (L) (O) (*)	(A) (L) (O) (*)		A (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	В (1) (А)		B ) (A)			
S	S		1	1	6 7				



If a student took TAKS (Accommodated) in one subject and TAKS–M in another subject, then **you must submit two answer documents**, one TAKS and one TAKS–M. On the TAKS answer document, mark the appropriate score code for the subject the student tested in TAKS. Also, fill in the "EN" for English under the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. Then, mark the "asterisk" bubble for the subject the student tested in TAKS–M. Likewise, on the TAKS–M answer document, mark the score code for the subject the student tested in TAKS–M. Likewise, and fill in the "asterisk" bubble for the subject the student tested in TAKS–M. Accommodated). See the sample below. The student took TAKS (Accommodated) in reading and TAKS–M in mathematics. The student tested in English for both subjects. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

		APRIL	
	TAKS Mathematics and	Reading	
SCORE CODE	TAKS FORM	ACCOMM. FORM LAT FOR	
M       R         (A)       (A)         (L)       (L)         (O)       (O)         (O)       (O)<	Image: New York         Image: New	FORM #     EN     EN     EN       SP     SP     SP       00     LAT INF	A       A         B       ○         ○       ○         ○       ○         ○       ○         ○       ○         ○       ○         ○       ○         ○       ○         S       S

# TAKS/TAKS–M Score Codes for Students Testing in Grade 5 Reading, Mathematics, and Science

There will be three opportunities for students to take the TAKS and TAKS–M grade 5 reading and mathematics tests. The reading test will be administered in March, April, and July 2009. The mathematics test will be administered in April, May, and June 2009. The grade 5 LAT mathematics and reading tests will be administered only in April. Students taking LAT administrations are not subject to SSI grade-advancement requirements in reading and mathematics and do not participate in retests.

#### March Administration—Grade 5 Reading (English and Spanish)

For the reading test in March, submit either a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 5, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the appropriate score code. Then fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "R" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "R" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. There is only one LAT grade 5 reading administration of TAKS, and it is held in April. Ensure that students who are LEP-exempt from TAKS do not mistakenly test in March. If a student is LEP-exempt, fill in the "L" bubble on the TAKS answer document for the March administration.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. In this case, void the TAKS answer document (if it exists) and submit the TAKS–M answer document. TAKS–M is not offered in Spanish. Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

	MARCH	
	TAKS Reading	TAKS–M Reading
SCORE CODE R (A) (L) (O) (S)	TEST TAKEN INFO         TAKS FORM         R       R         FORM #       EN         SP       SP         0       0         1       1         2       2         3       3         4       4         5       5         6       6         7       8         9       9	SCORE CODE R (A) (L) (O) (S)

#### **April Administration—Grade 5 Mathematics (English and Spanish)**

For the mathematics test in April, submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 5, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the appropriate score code. Then fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "M" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, on the TAKS answer document fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "M" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

There is only one grade 5 LAT mathematics test administration. The early April administration is the time when a LAT mathematics administration can be given. If the student received a LAT administration in mathematics, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code on the TAKS answer document to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "M" in the LAT FORM area of the TEST TAKEN INFO field. Then complete the LAT INFO area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document, void the TAKS answer document (if it exists), and submit only the TAKS–M answer document. If the student received a LAT administration of the TAKS–M test, fill in the LAT INFO area. The student in the example below took the TAKS (Accommodated) mathematics test in Spanish. TAKS–M is not offered in Spanish. Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

	APRIL	
	TAKS Mathematics	TAKS–M Mathematics
SCORE CODE M (A) (L) (O)	TEST TAKEN INFO         TAKS FORM       TAKS ACCOMM. FORM       LAT FORM         M       M       M         EN       FORM #       EN       EN         SP       FORM #       EN       A       B         (0)       (0)       (0)       LAT INFO         (1)       (1)       (1)       (1)       (1)         (2)       (2)       (2)       (4)       (4)       (2)       (4)         (5)       (5)       (6)       (3)       (6)       (6)       (4)       (2)       (4)         (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (6)       (7)       (6)       (6)       (7)	A     B       C     A       B     C       C



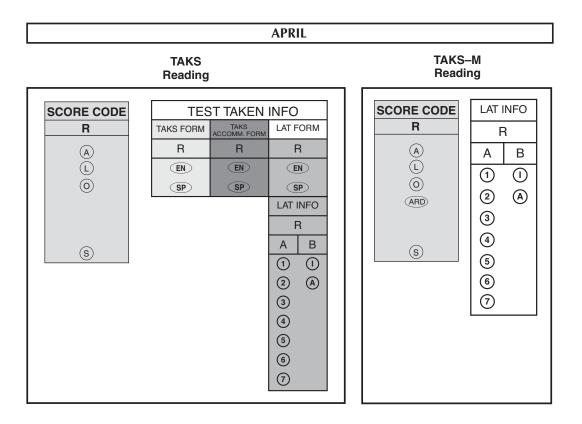
#### April Administration—Grade 5 Reading Retest (English and Spanish)

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each eligible grade 5 student who did not meet the passing standard in March. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "R" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "R" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

There is only one grade 5 LAT reading test administration for TAKS. If the student received a LAT administration of TAKS in reading, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code on the TAKS answer document to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "R" in the LAT FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. Also complete the LAT INFO area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.

Do not submit an answer document for a student who met the standard in March.

**NOTE:** A student cannot be classified as LEP-exempt from the April reading administration if he or she took the grade 5 reading test in March.



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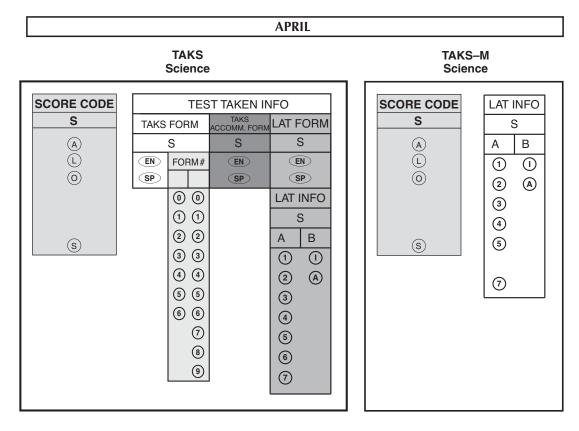
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April Administration—Grade 5 Science (English and Spanish)

For the science test, submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 5. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "S" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "S" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. **NOTE:** The grade 5 science test occurs April 30; the grade 5 LAT science test occurs May 1.

If the student received a LAT administration in science, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code on the TAKS answer document to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "S" in the LAT FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. Also complete the LAT INFO area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document, void the TAKS answer document (if it exists), and submit only the TAKS–M answer document. If the student received a LAT administration of the TAKS–M test, fill in the LAT INFO area. TAKS–M is not offered in Spanish. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

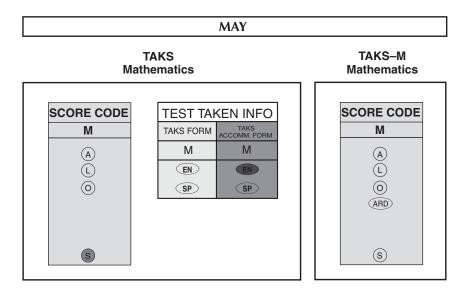


#### May Administration—Grade 5 Mathematics Retest (English and Spanish)

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each eligible grade 5 student who did not meet the passing standard in April. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the appropriate score code. Then, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "M" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "M" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. In the example below the student took TAKS (Accommodated) in English.

Do not submit a TAKS answer document for a student who met the standard in April. Do not submit a TAKS answer document for a student who received a LAT administration in April. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

**NOTE:** A student cannot be classified as LEP-exempt from the May mathematics administration if he or she took the grade 5 mathematics test in April.



# June/July Administration—Grade 5 Reading and Mathematics Retests (English and Spanish)

For the reading and mathematics retests in June/July, submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each eligible student in grade 5 who has not yet met the passing standard on either the reading or the mathematics test, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student passed reading and/or mathematics in an earlier administration, mark the "P" bubble in the score code for reading and/or mathematics. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish for the appropriate subject ("R" and/or "M") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish for the appropriate subject ("R" and/or "M") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish for the appropriate subject ("R" and/or "M") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. In the sample below, the student previously passed mathematics and took the TAKS (Accommodated) reading test in Spanish in July. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

**NOTE:** A student cannot be classified as LEP-exempt from a subject area in June/July if he or she tested in the subject area in an earlier administration.

	JU	NE/JULY	
Math	TAKS ematics and Read	ding	TAKS–M Mathematics and Readir
SCORE CODE         M       R         A       A         L       L         O       O         PW       PW         P       P         *       *         S       S	TEST TAK TAKS FORM M R EN EN SP SP	EN INFO TAKS ACCOMM. FORM M R EN EN SP SP	SCORE CODEMR(A)(A)(L)(L)(O)(O)(ARD)(PW)(PW)(PW)(P)(P)(*)<

**NOTE:** Mark the "P" bubble in the SCORE CODE field only if a student previously passed a subject area.

# TAKS/TAKS–M Score Codes for Students Testing in Grade 6 Mathematics and Reading

#### April Administration—Grade 6 Mathematics and Reading (English and Spanish)

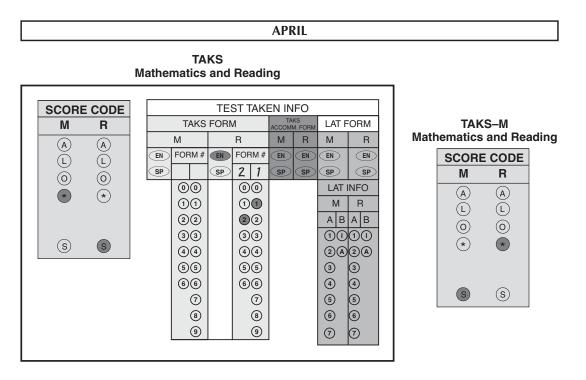
For the mathematics and reading tests, submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 6, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the appropriate score code. Then, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the appropriate subject ("M" and/or "R") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the appropriate subject ("R" and/or "R") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the appropriate subject ("R" and/or "M") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

There is only one grade 6 LAT mathematics and reading test administration. The April administration is the time when a LAT mathematics and/or reading administration can be given. If the student received a LAT administration, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the appropriate subject ("R" and/or "M") in the LAT FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. Also complete the LAT INFO area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS–M test with linguistic accommodations, fill in the "L" bubble in the SCORE CODE field to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt and complete the LAT INFO area. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.

APRIL		
M	TAKS lathematics and Reading	TAKS–M Mathematics and Reading
SCORE CODE         M       R         (A)       (A)         (L)       (L)         (O)       (O)         (*)       (*)         (S)       (S)	EN FORM # EN FORM # EN EN EN E	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

If the student took TAKS–M in **both subjects**, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document and void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists). Likewise, if the student took TAKS in **both subjects**, fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the "M" and "R" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. Then, void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). TAKS–M is not offered in Spanish.

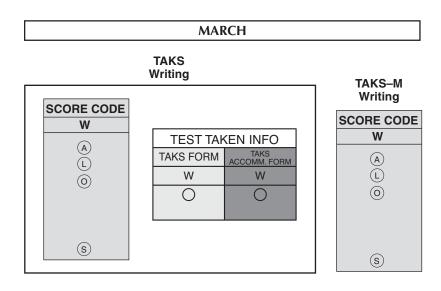
If the student took TAKS in one subject and TAKS–M in another subject, **you must submit two answer documents**: one TAKS and one TAKS–M. On the TAKS answer document bubble in the score code for the subject the student took in TAKS. Fill in the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish under the appropriate subject ("M" or "R") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. Then, bubble in the asterisk for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Likewise, on the TAKS–M answer document, bubble in the score code for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Submit took in TAKS–M, and then bubble in the asterisk for the subject the student took in TAKS. Submit both answer documents for the student. In the sample below, the student took TAKS reading in English and took TAKS–M in mathematics. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.



# TAKS/TAKS–M Score Codes for Students Testing in Grade 7 Writing, Mathematics, and Reading

#### March Administration—Grade 7 Writing

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 7, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the "W" for writing in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, use the TAKS answer document and fill in the bubble under the "W" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the student's TAKS–M answer document. Then, void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists). Likewise, if the student took a TAKS test, void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.



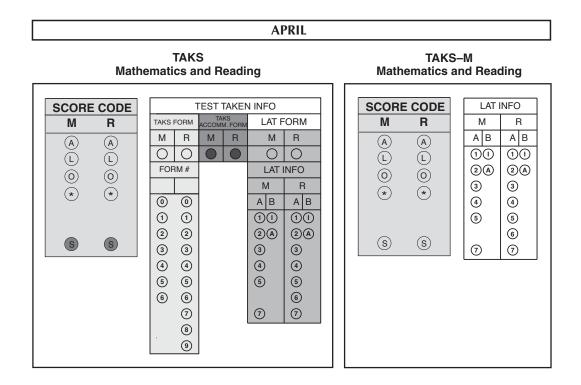


#### **April Administration—Grade 7 Mathematics and Reading**

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 7, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the appropriate score code under the "M" and/or "R" in the SCORE CODE field. Then, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("M" and/or "R") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("M" and/or "R") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

There is only one grade 7 LAT mathematics and reading test administration. The April administration is the time when a LAT mathematics and/or reading administration can be given. If the student received a LAT administration, use the TAKS or TAKS–M answer document and fill in the "L" bubble in the score code to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then, fill in the LAT INFO area. If the student took a LAT form of TAKS, fill in the appropriate subject ("M" and/or "R") in the LAT FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.

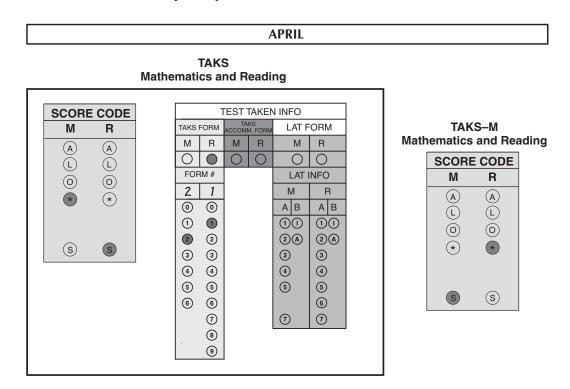
The student in the example below took TAKS (Accommodated) for both mathematics and reading.



If the student took TAKS–M in **both subjects**, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document and void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists). Likewise, if the student took TAKS in both subjects, void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists).



If the student took TAKS in one subject and TAKS–M in another subject, **you must submit two answer documents**: one TAKS and one TAKS–M. For example, if the student took TAKS in reading and TAKS–M in mathematics, on the TAKS answer document bubble in the "S" in the score code for reading (the subject the student tested in TAKS). Then bubble in the asterisk for mathematics (the subject the student took in TAKS–M). Also, fill in the bubble under the "R" under the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. Likewise, on the TAKS–M answer document, bubble in the "S" in the score code for mathematics and bubble in the asterisk for reading. Submit both answer documents for the student. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.



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# TAKS/TAKS–M Score Codes for Students Testing in Grade 8 Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Social Studies

There will be three opportunities for students to take the TAKS or TAKS–M grade 8 reading and mathematics tests. The reading test will be administered in March, April, and July 2009. The mathematics test will be administered in April, May, and June 2009. The grade 8 science and social studies tests are administered on April 30 and May 1, respectively. The grade 8 LAT mathematics and reading tests will be administered only in April for TAKS; the grade 8 LAT science test will be administered only on May 1. LAT administrations of TAKS mathematics and science will be given at the time of the primary administrations, and reading will be given at the time of the April retest. Students taking LAT administrations are not subject to SSI grade-advancement requirements in mathematics and reading and do not participate in retests.

#### March Administration—Grade 8 Reading

For the reading test in March, submit either a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 8, regardless of whether the student tested. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the appropriate score code and then fill in the bubble under the "R" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the "R" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area. There is only one LAT grade 8 reading administration of TAKS and TAKS–M in April. Ensure that students who are LEP-exempt from TAKS do not mistakenly test in March. If a student is LEP-exempt, fill in the "L" bubble on the TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for the March administration.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. In this case, void the TAKS answer document (if it exists) and submit the TAKS–M answer document. TAKS–M is not offered in Spanish. Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

MARCH TAKS TAKS-M Reading Reading SCORE CODE SCORE CODE TEST TAKEN INFO TAKS FORM R R R (A) (L) (A)FORM #  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ 0 0 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 S S 5 5 6 6 7 8 9

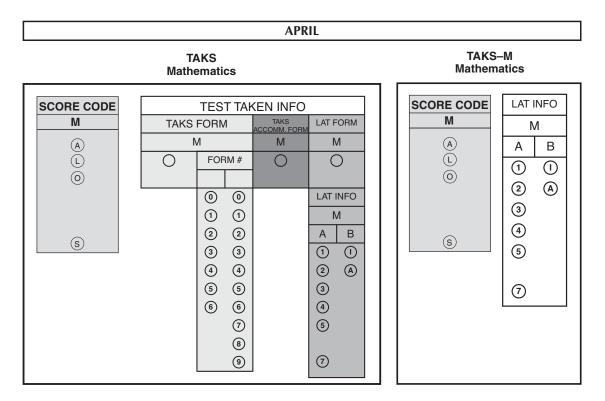


#### **April Administration—Grade 8 Mathematics**

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 8, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the "M" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the "M" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

For students receiving a LAT administration of TAKS or TAKS–M in mathematics, fill in the "L" bubble in the SCORE CODE field of the corresponding answer document to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Fill in the bubble under "M" in the LAT FORM area of the TAKS document if the student took a LAT administration of TAKS. Complete the LAT INFO area. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. In this case, void the TAKS answer document (if it exists) and submit the TAKS–M answer document. Likewise, if the student took a TAKS test, then void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.



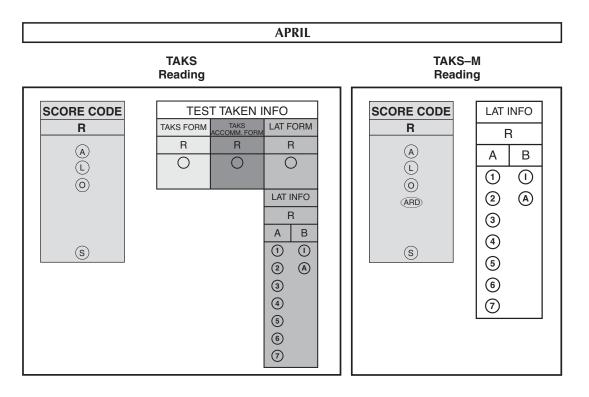


#### April Administration—Grade 8 Reading Retest

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each eligible grade 8 student who did not meet the passing standard in March or for any student who is eligible for a LAT administration in reading. Fill in the appropriate score code.

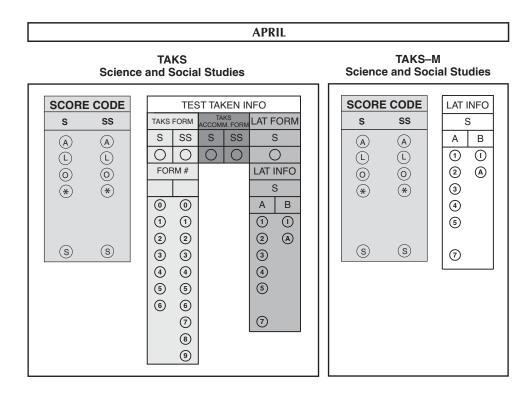
If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the "R" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the "R" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

For students receiving a LAT administration in reading in April, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then fill in the bubble under the "R" in the LAT FORM area, and complete the LAT INFO area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.



#### April Administration—Grade 8 Science and Social Studies

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 8, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble for the appropriate subject ("S" and/or "SS") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("S" and/or "SS") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. **NOTE:** The grade 8 science test occurs April 30; the grade 8 LAT science test and the grade 8 social studies test occur May 1.



For students receiving a LAT administration of TAKS or TAKS–M in science, fill in the "L" bubble in the SCORE CODE field of the corresponding answer document to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Fill in the bubble under the "S" in the LAT FORM area of the TAKS document if the student took a LAT administration of TAKS. Complete the LAT INFO area. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.

If the student took TAKS–M for **both subjects**, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. In this case, void the TAKS answer document (if it exists) and submit the TAKS–M answer document. Likewise, if the student took TAKS for both subjects, then void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists).

If the student took TAKS in one subject and TAKS–M in another subject, **you must submit two answer documents**: one TAKS and one TAKS–M. On the TAKS answer document, mark the appropriate score code for the subject the student took in TAKS. Then fill in the "asterisk" bubble for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Likewise, on the TAKS–M answer document, mark the appropriate score code for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Then fill in the "asterisk" bubble for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Likewise, on the TAKS–M answer document, mark the appropriate score code for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Then fill in the "asterisk" bubble for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Then fill in the "asterisk" bubble for the subject the student took in TAKS–M.

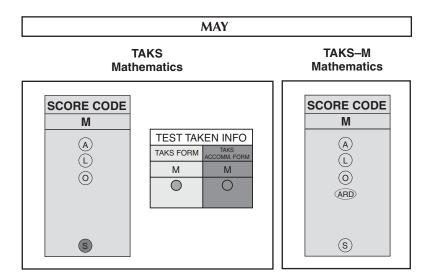
#### May Administration—Grade 8 Mathematics Retest

For the May grade 8 mathematics retest, submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each eligible grade 8 student who did not meet the passing standard in mathematics in April. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the appropriate score code. Then, fill in the bubble under the "M" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the "M" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. In the sample below, the student took TAKS. Do not submit an answer document for students who met the standard in April or for students who received a LAT administration in April.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code.

**NOTE:** A student cannot be classified as LEP-exempt from the May mathematics administration if he or she took the grade 8 mathematics test in April. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.







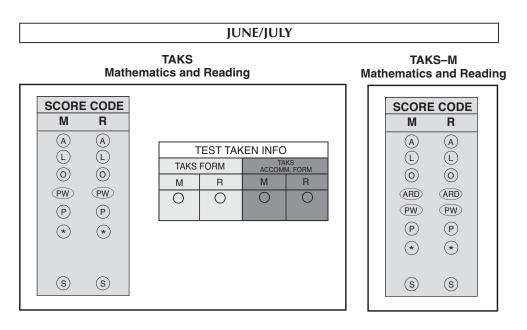
#### June/July Administration—Grade 8 Reading and Mathematics Retest

For the June/July grade 8 reading and mathematics retest, submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each eligible grade 8 student who did not meet the passing standard in either reading or mathematics, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("M" or "R") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code.

If the student took TAKS–M for **both subjects**, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. In this case, void the TAKS answer document (if it exists) and submit the TAKS–M answer document. Likewise, if the student took TAKS for both subjects, then void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). If the student took TAKS in one subject and TAKS–M in another subject, **you must submit two answer documents**: one TAKS and one TAKS–M. On the TAKS answer document, mark the appropriate score code for the subject the student took in TAKS. Then fill in the "asterisk" bubble for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Likewise, on the TAKS–M. Then fill in the "asterisk" bubble for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Then fill in the "asterisk" bubble for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Then fill in the "asterisk" bubble for the subject the student took in TAKS.

If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("M" or "R") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.



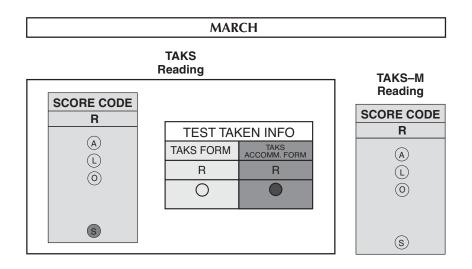
**NOTE:** Mark the "P" bubble in the SCORE CODE field only if a student previously passed a subject area.

# TAKS/TAKS–M Score Codes for Students Testing in Grade 9 Reading and Mathematics

#### March Administration—Grade 9 Reading

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 9, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the "R" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the "R" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. In the sample below, the student took the TAKS (Accommodated) reading test.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. In this case, void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists) and submit the TAKS–M answer document. Likewise, if the student took a TAKS test, void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

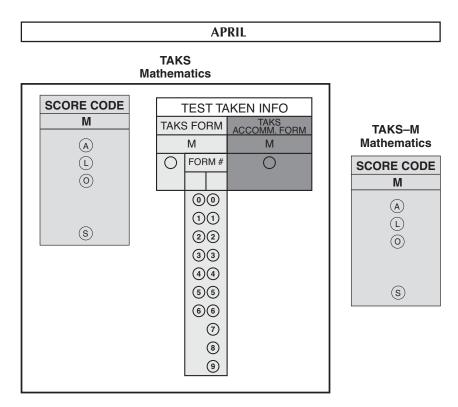




#### **April Administration—Grade 9 Mathematics**

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 9, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the "M" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the "M" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. In this case, void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists) and submit the TAKS–M answer document. Likewise, if the student took a TAKS test, void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists). Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.



# TAKS/TAKS–M Score Codes for Students Testing in Grade 10 English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

#### March Administration—Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA)

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 10, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the "ELA" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the "ELA" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

If a student is LEP-exempt, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code. There is only one grade 10 LAT ELA administration of TAKS and TAKS–M. LEP-exempt students who are eligible to receive a LAT administration in TAKS ELA or TAKS–M ELA with LAT accommodations will be tested in April.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. In the sample below, the student took TAKS.

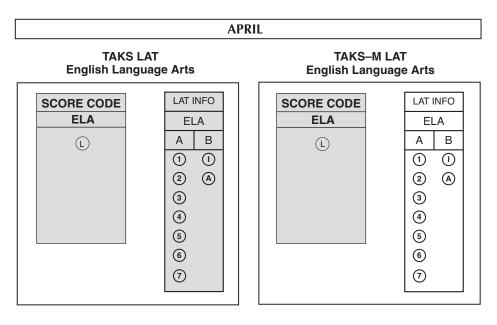
Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS-Alt assessment.

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# April Administration—Grade 10 LAT Administration—English Language Arts (ELA)

There are separate LAT answer documents for the April grade 10 LAT English language arts test administrations of TAKS and TAKS–M. If a student received a LAT administration in English language arts, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then, complete the LAT INFO area. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields.





#### April Administration—Grade 10 Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each student enrolled in grade 10, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student received a LAT administration in mathematics and/or science, fill in the "L" bubble in the score code to indicate that the student is LEP-exempt. Then, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("M" or "S") in the LAT FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field, if it is a LAT administration of TAKS. Also, complete the LAT INFO area. See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT fields. In the sample below, the student took TAKS in social studies and TAKS (Accommodated) in mathematics and science. **NOTE:** The grade 10 science test occurs April 30; the grade 10 LAT science test and the grade 10 social studies test occur May 1.

	APRIL	
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SCORE CODE	TEST TAKEN INFO	SCORE CODE LAT INFO
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If the student took TAKS–M for **all three subjects**, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. Then void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists) and submit the TAKS–M answer document. Likewise, if the student took TAKS for **all three subjects**, void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists) and submit the TAKS answer document.

If the student took TAKS in one or more subjects and TAKS–M in another subject, **you must submit two answer documents:** one TAKS and one TAKS–M. On the TAKS answer document, fill in the score codes for the subjects the student tested in TAKS. Then fill in the asterisk for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Likewise, on the TAKS–M answer document, fill in the score code for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Then fill in the asterisk for the subjects the student took in TAKS. Submit both answer documents for the student. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment.

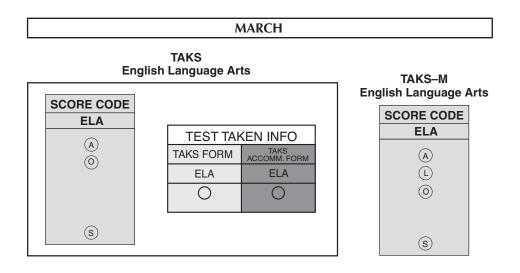
# TAKS/TAKS–M Score Codes for Students Testing in Exit Level English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

## **Exit Level (Grade 11) Primary Administrations**

#### March Administration—Exit Level English Language Arts (ELA)

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each grade 11 student eligible to take the exit level test for the first time, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the "ELA" in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the "ELA" in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

If the student took a TAKS–M test, fill in the appropriate score code on the TAKS–M answer document. Do not submit an answer document for a student participating in the TAKS–Alt assessment.



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#### April Administration—Exit Level Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

Submit a TAKS or TAKS–M answer document for each grade 11 student eligible to take the exit level mathematics, science, and social studies tests, regardless of whether the student tested. Fill in the appropriate score code. If the student took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. **NOTE:** The exit level social studies test occurs May 1.

If the student took TAKS–M for **all three subjects**, fill in the appropriate score codes on the TAKS–M answer document. Then void the precoded TAKS answer document (if it exists) and submit the TAKS–M answer document. Likewise, if the student took TAKS for **all three subjects**, void the TAKS–M precoded label (if it exists) and submit the TAKS answer document.

If the student took TAKS in one or more subjects and TAKS–M in another subject, **you must submit two answer documents**: one TAKS and one TAKS–M. On the TAKS answer document, fill in the score codes for the subjects the student took in TAKS. Then fill in the asterisk for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Likewise, on the TAKS–M answer document, fill in the score code for the subject the student took in TAKS–M. Then fill in the asterisk for the subjects the student took in TAKS. Submit both answer documents for the student. Do not submit an answer document for a student who participated in the TAKS–Alt assessment. In the sample below, the student took TAKS for all subjects.

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### **Exit Level Retests**

# March Administration—Exit Level ELA, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

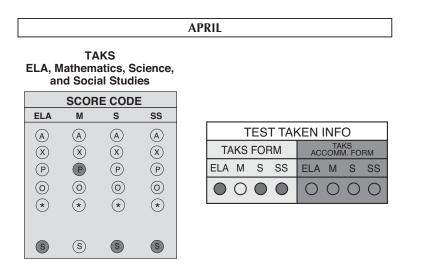
Submit a TAKS exit level retest answer document for any examinee for whom a precoded label was received, whether or not the examinee tested, unless all score code information for the examinee was submitted through the online testing system. If an examinee took some tests online and some on paper, fill in the appropriate score code for each subject. Fill in the asterisk bubble if the examinee tested a subject online. If the examinee took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("ELA", "M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the examinee took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("ELA", "M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area of the TEST TAKEN INFO field. In the sample below, the examinee previously passed English language arts and social studies. The student took the mathematics test on paper and took the science test online.

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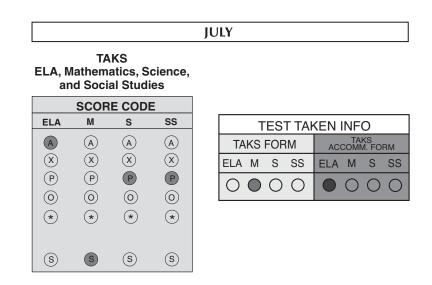
#### April Administration—Exit Level ELA, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

Submit a TAKS exit level retest answer document for any examinee for whom a precoded label was received, whether or not the examinee tested, unless all score code information for the examinee was submitted through the online testing system. Fill in the appropriate score code for each subject. If an examinee is taking some tests online and some on paper, fill in the asterisk bubble for the subject the examinee tested online. If the examinee took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("ELA", "M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the examinee took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("ELA", "M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area of the TEST TAKEN INFO field. In the sample below, the examinee previously passed mathematics and took the ELA, science, and social studies tests during the April exit level retest administration on paper. **NOTE:** The exit level social studies test occurs May 1.



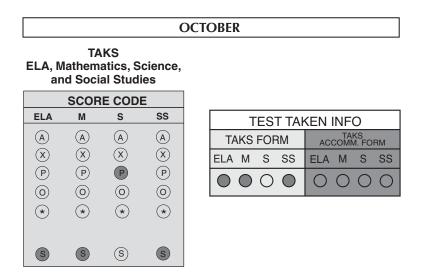
# July Administration—Exit Level ELA, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

Submit a TAKS answer document for any examinee for whom a precoded label was received and who tested, as well as any **registered** out-of-school examinee, whether or not the individual tested, unless all score code information for the examinee was submitted through the online testing system. Fill in the score code for each subject. Fill in the asterisk bubble to indicate that the examinee took the test online. If the examinee took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("ELA", "M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the examinee took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("ELA", "M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area of the TEST TAKEN INFO field. In the sample below, the examinee was absent for the TAKS (Accommodated) English language arts test and had previously passed science and social studies. The examinee took the mathematics test on paper.



# **October Administration—Exit Level ELA**, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

Submit a TAKS answer document for any examinee for whom a precoded label was received and who tested, as well as any **registered** out-of-school examinee, whether or not the individual tested, unless all score code information for the examinee was submitted through the online testing system. Fill in the score code for each subject. Fill in the asterisk bubble to indicate that the examinee took the test online. If the examinee took a TAKS test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("ELA", "M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS FORM area in the TEST TAKEN INFO field. If the examinee took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, fill in the bubble under the appropriate subject ("ELA", "M", "S", or "SS") in the TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area of the TEST TAKEN INFO field. In the sample below, the student previously passed science and took the TAKS ELA, mathematics, and social studies tests on paper.



# **Score Codes for Students Taking LAT Administrations**

#### **Score Code**

LEP-exempt students taking the grade 3 LAT test will use the LAT scorable test booklet or the TAKS–M scorable test booklet, as applicable. LEP-exempt students taking LAT in grades 4–8 and 10 will record their answers on the corresponding TAKS or TAKS–M answer document.

A student who receives special education services and is LEP-exempt will participate in a LAT administration of TAKS, which includes TAKS (Accommodated), or a LAT administration of TAKS–M to meet federal testing requirements. The student's ARD committee in conjunction with the LPAC will decide which test will be administered in accordance with the participation criteria for TAKS and TAKS–M and which accommodations to provide. Students for whom the TAKS (Accommodated) form is appropriate will take a LAT administration of TAKS. For mathematics and science, the LAT accommodation for using the English and Spanish versions side by side for grades 3–6 TAKS allows an eligible LEP-exempt student to refer to the LAT test in both languages. In such a case, the LPAC will decide and document prior to testing whether the student will work **primarily** from the English-version LAT test or the Spanish-version LAT test, which will dictate how the TEST TAKEN INFO field is gridded on the TAKS answer document.

The "L" bubble in the mathematics and/or reading/ELA and/or science SCORE CODE field of the answer document must be marked for each student taking a LAT administration. The "L" score code signifies that the student meets the state LEP exemption criteria on the basis of limited English proficiency in accordance with 19 TAC §101.1007(b). The "L" score code must be indicated even if the student is marked "A" (Absent) or "I" (Incomplete) in the LAT INFO area. (See the score code sample below and the LAT fields on the next page.)

**April TAKS** 

Math	Mathematics and Reading Grade 4						
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Important: The "S" score code must NOT be bubbled in for students who take a LAT test. A student's LAT test will be scored on the basis of the "L" in the score code and information supplied in the LAT fields.



#### LAT FORM Area

The LAT FORM area is part of the TEST TAKEN INFO field on the TAKS answer document. The LAT FORM area is used to record that a LAT test form was used and which language version of the test was administered to the student. Look at the sample on this page. It shows the TEST TAKEN INFO field of the April grade 5 mathematics answer document. Before testing, the LAT test administrator must complete the LAT FORM area by bubbling in "EN" under the "M" (Mathematics) if the student tested in English, or "SP" if the student tested in Spanish. In the sample shown below, the student tested in Spanish.

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#### April TAKS Mathematics Grade 5



#### LAT INFO Area

After testing, the LAT INFO area of the TEST TAKEN INFO field must be completed by the test administrator following the instructions below. The Accommodations Manual and LAT Manual contain detailed information about each accommodation.

A new bubble has been added to the LAT INFO area ("accommodations available but none used") this year to address rare instances in which approved accommodations were made available to a student but none were used. This new bubble should **NOT** be marked if a student uses any of the approved accommodations during the LAT administration. At least one bubble must be gridded in Column A of the LAT INFO area for a student to be reported as having participated in a LAT administration.

A. MARK ALL THAT APPLY. I PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING LINGUISTIC ACCOMMODATIONS TO THIS STUDENT:

For LAT mathematics and science administrations, the accommodations are

- 1 LINGUISTIC SIMPLIFICATION
- ② ORAL TRANSLATION
- ③ READING ASSISTANCE
- BILINGUAL DICTIONARY
- 5 BILINGUAL GLOSSARY
- ⑥ ENGLISH AND SPANISH TESTS SIDE BY SIDE (TAKS GRADES 3−6)\*
- ⑦ ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE BUT NONE USED

For reading/ELA administrations, the accommodations are

- BILINGUAL DICTIONARY
- ② ENGLISH DICTIONARY
- ③ READING ALOUD—WORD OR PHRASE
- ④ READING ALOUD—ENTIRE TEST ITEM
- 5 ORAL TRANSLATION—WORD OR PHRASE
- **6** CLARIFICATION—WORD OR PHRASE
- ⑦ ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE BUT NONE USED

#### B. MARK THE APPROPRIATE CODE (IF APPLICABLE)

- INCOMPLETE: THE TEST WAS ATTEMPTED BUT NOT COMPLETED FOR REASONS SUCH AS ILLNESS DURING TESTING OR OTHER TESTING IRREGULARITIES.
- ABSENT: THE LEP-EXEMPT STUDENT WHO WAS ELIGIBLE FOR A LAT ADMINISTRATION WAS ABSENT FROM TESTING.
- \*This particular linguistic accommodation does not apply to TAKS at grades 7, 8, and 10 or to TAKS–M at any grade since Spanish-version tests are not available.

Note that on the answer documents for these tests, the "6" bubble is absent because the accommodation is not available.

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6		6			
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#### LAT Student Scenario 1

José is a grade 10 Spanish-speaking recent immigrant in his first school year of enrollment in the United States. José's LPAC determines that he is eligible for a LEP exemption from the TAKS mathematics, science, and social studies tests in accordance with state policies and procedures. José routinely uses a Spanish-English dictionary in his classes, and his mathematics and science teachers, who speak Spanish, help him in class by translating language he cannot yet understand.

José's mathematics and science teachers receive training to be LAT test administrators. The LPAC documents that José will participate in the LAT administrations of the TAKS grade 10 mathematics and science tests, may use a bilingual (Spanish-English) dictionary, and receive translating assistance from his teachers, if needed. During mathematics testing, José received translating assistance; however, he did not use a bilingual dictionary. José began testing in science and used a bilingual dictionary and received translating assistance. However, he stopped testing due to illness and did not complete the science test. Because there are no LAT social studies administrations, José did not take the social studies test and was simply coded as LEP-exempt.

The SCORE CODE field and LAT INFO area of José's answer document should be marked as follows:

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**NOTE:** Only bubble the linguistic accommodations the student used during testing. Do **NOT** bubble the "7" in column A of the LAT INFO field if the student used an approved accommodation but was allowed additional accommodations he or she did not use. **Only bubble the "7" if the student used none of the approved accommodations.** 



#### LAT Student Scenario 2

Alejandra is a grade 10 Spanish-speaking recent immigrant in her second school year of enrollment in the United States. Alejandra's LPAC determines that she is eligible for a LEP exemption from the TAKS ELA test in accordance with state policies and procedures. Alejandra routinely uses a bilingual dictionary in her English language arts class, and her teacher, who speaks Spanish, helps her in class by translating language and clarifying the meaning of words and phrases she cannot yet understand.

The LPAC documents that Alejandra will participate in the LAT administration of the grade 10 ELA test, use a bilingual (Spanish-English) dictionary, and receive translating and clarification assistance from her teacher as needed on appropriate sections of the test. Alejandra's ELA teacher attends LAT test administrator training and administers Alejandra the test. During testing, Alejandra used all three approved accommodations. After the test, her ELA teacher completes the SCORE CODE field and LAT INFO area as follows:

April TAKS LAT Grade 10	LAT INFO ELA
	A B
SCORE CODE ELA	<ol> <li>(1)</li> <li>(2)</li> <li>(A)</li> <li>(3)</li> <li>(4)</li> <li>(5)</li> <li>(6)</li> <li>(7)</li> </ol>

**NOTE:** Only bubble the linguistic accommodations the student used during testing. Do **NOT** bubble the "7" in column A of the LAT INFO field if the student used an approved accommodation but was allowed additional accommodations he or she did not use. **Only bubble the "7" if the student used none of the approved accommodations.** 

# **Other Codes**

### **TEST TAKEN INFO**

In the TEST TAKEN INFO field there are grids to fill in to indicate if a student has taken a regular TAKS test, whether that test was taken in English or Spanish (on answer documents for grades 4–6), and what form number in each subject area taken, if applicable. In the same field, there are grids to indicate if a student took a TAKS (Accommodated) form, whether the test was taken in English or Spanish (on answer documents for grades 4–6), and what subject area was tested using an accommodated form. Finally, if a student receives a LAT administration, there are grids to indicate if the test was taken in English or Spanish (on answer documents for grades 4–6), which subject areas were tested using a LAT form, and which LAT accommodations the student used. The appropriate fields must be correctly gridded to indicate which test, or combination of tests, was administered.



Gridding of the TEST TAKEN INFO field will determine which answer key (TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or LAT) will be used to score the student's test. Improper gridding of the TEST TAKEN INFO field may result in an incorrect score for the student.

If the student took a TAKS test, the test administrator or campus personnel must fill in the information in the TAKS FORM area of the TEST TAKEN INFO field. This includes filling in the bubble for the subject area tested and/or the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish on the answer document for grades 4–6.

If the student took a TAKS (Accommodated) test, the test administrator or campus personnel must fill in the bubble for the subject area tested and/or the "EN" for English or the "SP" for Spanish on the answer document for grades 4–6, in the medium blue TAKS ACCOMM. FORM area of the TEST TAKEN INFO field.

If the student received a LAT administration, the test administrator or campus personnel must complete the LAT FORM area and LAT INFO area of the TEST TAKEN INFO field as well as the "L" (LEP exemption) score code. (See pages 157–160 for information about completing the LAT areas of the TEST TAKEN INFO field.)

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	1	1		1	1			Μ		F	}	
	2	2		2	2				В	А	В	
	3	3		3	3			1		1	1	
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	5	5		55 3			3					
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### **ACCOMMODATIONS (FOR ALL PROGRAMS)**

Another field that appears on the TAKS and TAKS–M scorable documents is the ACCOMMODATIONS (FOR ALL PROGRAMS) field. Accommodations are practices and procedures in the areas of presentation, response, setting, and timing and scheduling that are intended to reduce or even eliminate the effects of a student's disability without reducing the learning expectations. Look at the sample field on this page. The following items are represented in this field:

- P = Presentation Accommodation
- R = Response Accommodation
- S = Setting Accommodation
- T = Timing and Scheduling Accommodation
- BR = Braille Administration
- LP = Large-Print Administration
- OA = Oral Administration
- DB = Dyslexia Bundled Accommodations

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P	P						
R	R						
S	S						
T	T						
BR	BR						
LP	LP						
(OA)	DB						

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#### Presentation, Response, Setting, and Timing and Scheduling

Eligible students may receive the accommodations specified in the Accommodations Manual on TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS–M, LAT, and the TELPAS reading tests. To meet federal requirements, information about accommodations used by students will be collected on the TAKS and TAKS–M scorable documents and through the online submission process for TAKS exit level retests and the TELPAS reading tests. Information about the following four categories will be collected: Presentation, Response, Setting, and Timing and Scheduling.

The Accommodations Manual contains specific information regarding the four categories and groups each program's accommodations by category. The test administrator must indicate which category of accommodation an eligible student is provided by bubbling in the appropriate code in the ACCOMMODATIONS field: "P" (Presentation), "R" (Response), "S"

(Setting), and "T" (Timing and Scheduling). It may be necessary to bubble in more than one category. Information about accommodations used by the student is collected as part of federal reporting requirements but is not associated with student performance.

#### **Braille Administration**

TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M tests may be administered to eligible students using a braille version. With the exception of TAKS–M, braille versions of LAT are not available. For more information regarding braille administrations, including eligibility requirements and decision-making authority, see the Accommodations Manual.

Each test administrator manual contains general information about administering the tests to students eligible for this accommodation. However, specific braille instructions for the test administrator are provided with each braille test booklet. The test administrator must indicate the braille administration by filling in the "BR" (Braille Administration) bubble in the ACCOMMODATIONS (FOR ALL PROGRAMS) field on the TAKS or TAKS–M scorable document. The appropriate bubble in the SCORE CODE field for each subject area must also be filled in. (See sample below.)

The appropriate TAKS form or TAKS (Accommodated) form bubble should be filled in to indicate which assessment the student was designated to take.

#### Sample from an April TAKS Grade 4 Answer Document

FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY													ACCOMM	ACCOMMODATIONS	
											SCORE CODE		(FOR ALL		
Е	ED	TIA	MS	L	В	ESL	SE	G/T	AR		М	R	PROG	RAMS)	
1	01	6	1	©	2	2	1	1	1		A	A	М	R	
2	02	7		M1	3	3					Ŀ	Ŀ	P	P	
3	99	8		M2	4						0	0	R	R	
4		9			5						*	*	S	S	
5													T	T	
													BR	BR	
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A student took the test using a braille booklet in mathematics and in reading.





#### **Large-Print Administration**

TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), LAT, and TAKS–M tests may be administered to eligible students using a large-print version. General instructions are provided in Appendix D. For more information regarding large-print administrations, including eligibility requirements and decision-making authority, see the Accommodations Manual at http://www.tea.state.tx .us/student.assessment/admin/AccommManual\_2008\_09.pdf

Each test administrator manual contains general information about administering the tests to students eligible for this accommodation. The test administrator must indicate the large-print administration by filling in the "LP" (Large-Print Administration) bubble under the ACCOMMODATIONS (FOR ALL PROGRAMS) field on the TAKS or TAKS–M scorable document. The appropriate bubble in the SCORE CODE field for each subject area must also be filled in. (See sample below.)

#### Sample from an April TAKS Grade 4 Answer Document

A student took the test using a large-print booklet in mathematics and in reading.

	FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY														ACCOMMODATIONS	
												SCORE CODE		(FOR ALL		
	Е	ED	TIA	MS	L	В	ESL	SE	G/T	AR		М	R	PROGRAMS)		
Γ	1	(01)	6	1	©	2	2	1	1	1		A	A	М	R	
I	2	02	7		M1	3	3						L	P	P	
I	3	99	8		M2	4						0	0	R	R	
I	4		9			5						*	*	S	S	
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#### **Oral Administration**

Test questions and answer choices for mathematics, science, and social studies tests may be read aloud or signed to eligible students. (See pages 44–45 for more information about oral administrations.)

The grade-specific Test Administration Directions contain detailed instructions for orally administering the tests to students eligible for this accommodation. The test administrator must indicate the oral administration by filling in the "OA" (Oral Administration) bubble in the ACCOMMODATIONS (FOR ALL PROGRAMS) field on the TAKS or TAKS–M scorable document. The appropriate bubble in the SCORE CODE field each subject area must also be filled in. (See sample below.)

	FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY													
											SCOR	E CODE	ACCOMMODATIONS (FOR ALL	
E	ED	TIA	MS	L	В	ESL	SE	G/T	AR		М	R	PROG	RAMS)
1	01	6	1	©	2	2	1	1	1		A	A	М	R
2	02	$\overline{\mathcal{O}}$		M1	3	3						L	P	P
3	99	8		M2	4						0	0	R	R
4		9			5						*	*	S	S
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													BR	BR
													LP	LP
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#### Sample from an April TAKS Grade 4 Answer Document

#### **Dyslexia Bundled Accommodations Administration**

Fill in the "DB" (Dyslexia Bundled Accommodations) bubble on the TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), scorable document if the student received the dyslexia bundled accommodations.

	FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY													ACCOMMODATIONS	
											SCOR	E CODE	(FOR ALL		
Е	ED	TIA	MS	L	В	ESL	SE	G/T	AR		М	R	PROGRAMS)		
1	01	6	1	©	2	2	1	1	1		A	A	Μ	R	
2	02	$\overline{\mathcal{O}}$		(M1)	3	3						L	P	P	
3	99	8		(M2)	4						0	0	R	R	
4		9			5						*	*	S	S	
5													T	T	
													BR	BR	
													LP	LP	
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		S	S	(A)	DB	

#### Sample from an April TAKS Grade 4 Answer Document



### Local Use

This field on the TAKS and TAKS–M scorable documents is for district-specific data collection and may be left blank if the district does not wish to collect additional data. If you see a need to use this field, contact your district coordinator.

# **Agency Use**

If students are taking a **make-up test in mathematics**, test administrators should **fill in "9" in column D** in the AGENCY USE field on the cover of the scorable test booklet or answer document to indicate that the students are taking a make-up test. If students are taking a **make-up test in reading**, test administrators should **fill in "9" in column E** in the AGENCY USE field. Campus coordinators are responsible for ensuring that these fields are marked correctly. Additional AGENCY USE codes are found in Appendix E. Otherwise, this field on the TAKS or TAKS–M scorable document should be left blank unless the Texas Education Agency provides you with other instructions.

# **PEM Use Only**

If this field is not already precoded, it should be left blank.

## For Migrant Use Only

This field on the TAKS scorable document should be left blank.

# **One-Time LEP Postponement (Exit Level Only)**

To indicate that a student who is a recent immigrant with limited English proficiency has been granted a one-time LEP postponement by the LPAC according to 19 TAC §101.1005 (see Appendix C), mark the LEP Postponement field on the exit level answer document. For all subject areas, fill in the "O" (Other) bubble in the SCORE CODE field. (See sample below.)

#### Sample from a March TAKS Exit Level Answer Document (Primary Administration)

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											SCORE CODE	(FOR ALL PROGRAMS)		
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1	01	6	1	©	2	2	1	1	1	1	A	9		
2	02	7		M1	3	3				2	0	R		
3	99	8		M2	4					3		S		
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											O FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT WAIVER			

# Foreign Exchange Student Waiver (Grades 9 and 10, and at Exit Level)

To indicate that a foreign exchange student who has waived in writing his or her intention to receive a Texas high school diploma qualifies to be and is excused from taking the TAKS tests according to 19 TAC §101.7(a) (see Appendix C), mark the FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT WAIVER field. For all subject areas, fill in the "O" (Other) bubble in the SCORE CODE field. (See sample below.)

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											SCORE CODE	(FOR ALL PROGRAMS)	
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1	01	6	1	©	2	2	1	1	1	1	A	P	
2	02	7		M1	3	3				2	0	R	
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#### Sample from a March TAKS Exit Level Answer Document (Primary Administration)

# Activity 10

Distribute test materials to test administrators.

# **Materials Control Form**

The Materials Control Forms located at the end of this activity will help you account for test materials you check out to test administrators. This form may be duplicated as needed. Retain completed forms for your records.

Test booklets are secure documents. Each test booklet has a nine-digit security number printed on it, as shown below. The digit after the hyphen is used only as a check digit and should be ignored.



Record the range of security numbers of the test booklets assigned to each test administrator on the Materials Control Form, in order to account for all the test booklets while they are signed out to test administrators. **You must return to the district coordinator all the test booklets that you received.** 

You may fill out the first three columns of the Materials Control Form before the first day of test administration. Test booklets must be checked out and in each day. After test administrators have verified that they have received the exact number of test booklets required, they must initial the "Out" box for the appropriate day. The test administrators' initials signify that they have received the test booklets assigned to them, as recorded on the Materials Control Form, and that they have signed their security oath. The Materials Control Form has columns labeled "Day 1," "Day 2," "Day 3," and "Day 4" to accommodate the testing days needed for grades at which four subject areas are tested in the same test administration. Depending on the administration, only one, two, or three columns may be needed.

Test administrators are responsible for test booklets and answer documents until these test materials are returned to you. **All test materials assigned must be returned after each test session.** When the materials are returned to you, you must initial the "In" box. Your initials indicate that the test administrators have returned all test materials checked out to them as listed on the Materials Control Form.



The LAT linguistic simplification guides (LSGs) are also secure documents. The procedures described for secure test booklets also apply to checking LSGs out and in. Use the Materials Control Form to track all secure materials.

## **Materials for Testing Sessions**

On the day of the testing session, give test administrators the materials listed below.

#### Grade 3:

- two No. 2 pencils with erasers per student
- one scorable test booklet per student
- one mathematics chart per student for use with the mathematics test
- one secure LAT linguistic simplification guide per LAT test administrator (if applicable)
- one dyslexia proper-nouns list per test administrator and student (if applicable)

#### Grades 4-10 and Exit Level:

- two No. 2 pencils with erasers per student
- one test booklet per student
- one answer document per student
- one answer document for demonstration purposes
- additional answer documents to replace unusable ones
- one mathematics chart per student for use with the mathematics tests
- one science ruler per student for use with the grade 5 science test
- one science chart per student for use with the grade 8, grade 10, and exit level science tests
- one secure LAT linguistic simplification guide per LAT test administrator (if applicable)
- one dyslexia proper-nouns list per test administrator and student (grades 4 through 8, if applicable)

Except in special circumstances (such as braille, dyslexia bundled, or oral administrations), the total number of test booklets distributed to each test administrator should not be more than the number of students he or she will be testing. If test administrators need additional test booklets for any reason, they should contact you. Instruct test administrators to keep these materials in locked storage until immediately before testing.

# NOTE: For eligible students receiving accommodations on the TAKS–M tests, test administrators may each need one extra booklet from which to read part of the test to students.

If a student taking the TAKS test requests the writing prompt to be read aloud, test administrators may read aloud the writing prompt from the test booklet that the student is using. They may **NOT** break the seal on an unused test booklet in order to read the writing prompt.



# 2009 TAKS MATERIALS CONTROL FORM

Check Month:	March	🗌 April	🗌 May	June/July	October
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Test booklets and LAT linguistic simplification guides (LSGs) are secure documents. Use this form to account for all secure materials. Campus coordinators should fill out the first four columns below prior to distributing any booklets.

The test administrators' initials in the "Out" boxes signify that they have received the secure materials assigned to them and that they have signed the security oath. A test administrator should not initial this form if the information on it is incorrect.

Missing secure materials must be located before the campus coordinator intitials the "In" box. If missing secure materials cannot be located, the campus coordinator should immediately contact the district coordinator.

Campus Name			Campus Coordinate	or							
Name of	Total # of	Total # of	Range of Security Numbers Coded on Secure Materials		y 1	Day 2		Day 3		Day 4	
Test Administrator	Booklets	LSGs	Coded on Secure Materials	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In

Duplicate this form as necessary.

Name of	Total # of	Total # of	Range of Security Numbers	Da	y 1	Day 2		Day 3		Day 4	
Test Administrator	Booklets	LSGs	Range of Security Numbers Coded on Secure Materials	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In
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# **Monitor TAKS Administrations**

# Activity 11

Ensure proper testing procedures; answer questions and resolve problems.

Be available to assist your school's test administrators during testing. They must be able to request additional test booklets from you if they need them. They must also be able to refer test-related problems and questions to you. If a situation arises that you do not know how to resolve, contact your district coordinator. (See also District Coordinator Activity 9.)

You and your principal are responsible for test security on your campus. To help monitor test security, observe as many testing rooms as possible on each test day. Ensure that test administrators are using active monitoring techniques. Resolve any irregularities as they occur, following the rules stated in the section "Test Security and Confidentiality." Remember that improper testing procedures could result in the invalidation of students' tests, as well as potential penalties for testing personnel.



A test administrator who has been trained in testing procedures specific to the test administered must be present in the testing room at all times during testing.

Help your test administrators conduct test sessions under the best possible conditions. By following the procedures listed below, you ensure the security and confidentiality of the TAKS testing program and the uniform evaluation of all students throughout the state.

# **Preparing for Test Administrations**

- The 2009 TAKS tests, including TAKS (Accommodated) and TAKS–M, must be administered on the dates specified on the Calendar of Events. (Information about make-up testing can be found in Campus Coordinator Activity 12.)
- There must be at least one test administrator for every 30 students.
- Bulletin boards and instructional displays that might be a source of direct answers must be covered or removed during testing. Any rooms to which students may be relocated must also be prepared.
- A "Testing—Do Not Disturb" sign should be posted outside the testing room.
- No element of the testing room's environment should hinder any student's performance. The testing room should be quiet, well lighted, well ventilated, and comfortable. Each student should have enough space in which to work.



## **Individual or Small Group Administrations**

- Students participating in a LAT administration must not be tested in a room with students taking the regular TAKS or TAKS–M tests. Either individual or smallgroup administrations should be arranged depending on the types of linguistic accommodations provided. (For more information, see the section "Planning for LAT Administrations.")
- Students receiving the dyslexia bundled accommodations should be tested individually or in small groups. A dyslexia proper-nouns list must be provided for every student and test administrator. (Copies must be made from blackline masters found in the campus box.) Because there are separate proper-nouns lists and instructions for administering the dyslexia bundled accommodations on TAKS (Accommodated) tests, students should be grouped accordingly.
- Students participating in a TAKS–M administration must not be tested in a room with students taking TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated).

# **During Testing**

- Districts may establish starting times for testing. A student who arrives after testing has begun may be tested if sufficient time remains in the day and if the student has not had contact with students who have already finished testing.
- Test administrators **must** actively monitor the testing room while students are working. Test administrators should confirm that students are working only on the subject-area test being administered that day and that they do not have access to nonallowed materials. Students should also be reminded periodically to bubble their responses on their scorable documents. However, test administrators may not view or discuss individual test items or responses.
- Reinforcing, reviewing for, and/or distributing testing strategies during an assessment is strictly prohibited. Providing this type of assistance to students can result in the invalidation of their tests and can compromise the assurance that all individuals are equitably tested in accordance with the guidelines for standardized assessments.
- Students must remain seated during testing, except when they are acquiring or returning authorized reference materials or calculators. Students are not allowed to talk to one another while test booklets are open.
- Students are not allowed to return to a subject-area test attempted on a previous test day or to work on a subject-area test that has not yet been administered.
- Since the tests are **untimed**, each student must be allowed to have as much time as necessary to respond to every test item. Districts are not required to test beyond the regular school hours, but they are free to do so if they choose.
- Each student must be allowed to work at his or her individual speed. Students may NOT be directed to speed up or slow down.
- Test administrators should remind students to respond to every question.
- Students are **NOT** allowed to write on a locally provided LAT bilingual glossary.
- Only students are allowed to erase their stray marks or darken answer-choice circles, and only during the scheduled test session.



9	Mathematics: Graphing calculators without QWERTY keyboard or computer algebra system (CAS) required.
10 (including grade 10 LAT)	Mathematics: Graphing calculators without QWERTY keyboard or computer algebra system (CAS) required. Science: Four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator without QWERTY keyboard or computer algebra system (CAS) required.
11/ Exit Level	<b>Mathematics:</b> Graphing calculators without QWERTY keyboard or computer algebra system (CAS) required. <b>Science:</b> Four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator without QWERTY keyboard or computer algebra system (CAS) required.

Calculator Use for TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS-M

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# **Dictionary and Thesaurus Use**

The chart below indicates when English-language dictionaries and thesauruses must be provided.

Grade	Dictionary/Thesaurus Use for TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS-M
7	Writing: Required for written composition only; not allowed for revising and editing section.
9	Reading: Required for entire test.
10	ELA: Required for reading and written composition only; not allowed for revising and editing section.
11/ Exit Level	ELA: Required for reading and written composition only; not allowed for revising and editing section.

Note these policies regarding the use of dictionaries and thesauruses during testing:

- There must be at least one dictionary for every five students.
- It is recommended that there be one thesaurus for every five students, if possible.
- Students may also use a combination dictionary/thesaurus for these assessments.
- The use of foreign-language reference materials is **NOT** permitted.
- An English as a second language (ESL) dictionary, which uses simple English and pictures to define words, may be provided for LEP students taking TAKS or TAKS-M tests only when reference materials must be provided.
- Students taking a braille version of a test may use electronic dictionaries and thesauruses only when reference materials must be provided.



The chart indicates when calculators must be provided.

**Calculator Use** 

Grade

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## For additional information about the use of dictionaries or other reference materials, refer to the Accommodations Manual.

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Note these policies regarding the use of calculators during testing:

- Students may use their own calculators instead of the ones provided by the district.
- District/campus personnel are responsible for ensuring that both district-supplied and student-supplied calculators are cleared before and after testing.
- All types of memory, including standard memory, RAM, ROM, and flash ROM, must be cleared to factory default both before and after testing.
- Any programs or applications must be removed or disabled prior to testing.
- For specific assistance in effectively preparing calculators for use during testing, contact the calculator manufacturer.
- For mathematics tests, each student must have a graphing calculator to use throughout the entire administration.
- For science tests, there should be at least one calculator for every five students.
- If students share a calculator during a science test, the memory must be cleared by a test administrator after each student uses it.
- Students taking a braille version of a test may use an audio-graphing calculator (AGC) when calculators must be provided.



For additional information about the use of calculators or other calculation devices, refer to the Accommodations Manual.

## **Mathematics and Science Charts and Rulers**

- Test administrators must give the appropriate state-supplied mathematics chart to each student to use during the mathematics tests. The mathematics chart is also printed in each test booklet.
- Test administrators must give the appropriate state-supplied science chart to each student to use during the grade 8, grade 10, and grade 11/exit level science tests. Test administrators must give each grade 5 student a state-supplied ruler to use during science tests. Only the ruler provided by the state may be used.
- Students are NOT allowed to write on the separate mathematics chart, science chart, or ruler. Students may make notes or work problems in their test booklets.

## **Scorable Documents**

- All answers must be marked on an answer document with a No. 2 pencil. Answers marked in a nonscorable test booklet will **NOT** be scored.
- Test administrators are not allowed to require students to first mark their answers in the test booklet and then transfer them to the answer document.
- Students may be allowed to use highlighters and colored pencils in nonscorable test booklets to emphasize important information on a subject-area test. Colored pencils and highlighters may **NOT** be used in grade 3 scorable test booklets except as follows: A grade 3 student served by special education may use a highlighter in the scorable test booklet if the student's IEP requires the use of a highlighter. After

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testing, the test administrator must transcribe in No. 2 pencil the contents of the original test booklet onto another scorable test booklet with the same form number. For further information, see "Transcribing—Scorable Test Booklets and Answer Documents" on this page.

## **After Testing**

- Some students may finish a test earlier than others. After their test materials have been collected, students may be allowed to quietly read books or to leave the testing room. Students may NOT read books between the written composition and revising and editing sections of the writing/ELA tests.
- Before a student leaves the room, the test administrator must inspect the completed answer document to be sure the student has bubbled in answers as instructed. If the student has not done so, the test administrator must say, "You have not recorded all of your answers on the answer document. Please go back and mark your answers on it now." The testing materials should then be returned so that the student may bubble in his or her answers. Test administrators should be instructed to look at answer documents only to verify that responses are marked. They may not look at or comment on answers to individual items. Because students are marking responses directly in the grade 3 scorable test booklet, there is limited chance of students leaving a document blank. Administrators should quickly look through scorable test booklets after the students are finished to ensure that all items have been answered, but they may not look at answers to individual items.
- Immediately after each test session, the test administrator must return test materials to the campus coordinator. As appropriate, test materials will be redistributed before the next test session. Test administrators must sign the bottom of their oaths after the entire administration has been completed to affirm that they have complied with state assessment requirements.



The contents of test booklets and answer documents with student responses are considered secure materials at all times. No unauthorized viewing, discussion, or scoring is allowed.

# Transcribing—Scorable Test Booklets and Answer Documents

If a scorable document becomes unusable at any point during a test session, the student should be given a new one with which to continue. **NOTE: A new scorable test booklet must have the same form number as the booklet it replaces.** After the student has finished the test session, the test administrator must transcribe the contents of the original booklet or answer document onto the new one without making any changes. The test administrator must write "Transcribed by (NAME) because (REASON)" at the top of the new test booklet or answer document. Transcription must be done in No. 2 pencil. The unusable test booklet or answer document should be marked "VOID" in **large**, **bold** letters across the front and placed under a Voided Answer Document Identification Sheet. Both the transcribed and voided materials should be returned with the scorable materials.



If a replacement scorable test booklet with the same form number is not available, contact TEA's Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536.

# Transcribing—Written Compositions and Open-Ended Items

If a student is unable to write the composition or the responses to open-ended items on the lined pages of the answer document, the composition and/or responses must be transcribed onto the answer document on which the student's responses to multiple-choice questions are recorded. The test administrator must explain to the student that the response must fit within the provided space; then the test administrator must transcribe the student's responses onto the student's answer document without making any changes and write "Transcribed by (NAME) because (REASON)" at the top of the appropriate page(s). Transcription must be done in No. 2 pencil. Test responses, which include the compositions, responses to open-ended items, and multiple-choice questions, cannot be scored unless they appear on an answer document. There are no open-ended items on the TAKS–M grade 9 reading and grade 10/11 ELA tests. All original typed or tape-recorded compositions and responses should be returned with the nonscorable materials.

# **Transcribing—Braille and Large-Print Materials**

A scorable test booklet or answer document is provided with each braille or large-print copy of the test. Student responses for all braille and large-print tests must be transferred to a scorable document. If this is not done, the student's test will not be scored. Transcription must be done in No. 2 pencil.

Transcribing may be done by the test administrator during testing (for oral responses) or after testing (for brailled, typewritten, or handwritten responses). The student's responses should be transferred as follows:

- Copy the student's responses onto the regular-print scorable document exactly as communicated by the student.
- Write "Transcribed by (NAME) because student used a large-print/braille version" at the top of the front cover of the scorable document.

## **Answering Questions**

Test administrators are **NOT** allowed to answer any questions related to the content of the test itself. If a student asks a question that the test administrator is not permitted to answer, the test administrator may respond, for example, **"I can't answer that for you; just do the best you can."** Test administrators and school personnel are **NOT** allowed to

- translate test questions or passages (including the written composition prompt) into another language;
- rephrase or add information to questions or the prompt;
- discuss test questions with anyone before, during, or after testing; or
- score test items or discuss with students how they performed.



# **Answering Questions—LAT**

The LAT process is designed to help LEP-exempt recent immigrants better understand the language used on state-administered academic content tests. LAT test administrators may answer questions that help a student understand the language used in a test question in accordance with accommodations the student is to receive. However, in answering students' questions, the test administrator must **NOT** provide explanations, definitions, examples, pictures, gestures, or simpler words related to mathematics or science terminology assessed. The terminology assessed in TAKS mathematics or science test questions is specified in the LAT linguistic simplification guides.

If a student asks a question that the test administrator is not permitted to answer, the test administrator may respond, for example, **"I can't answer that for you; just do the best you can."** 

As with regular TAKS administrations, test administrators and school personnel are **NOT** allowed to

- discuss test questions with anyone before, during, or after testing; or
- score test items or discuss with students how they performed.

## Writing/English Language Arts Tests

The TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M writing tests at grades 4 and 7, as well as the grade 10 and exit level English language arts tests, contain a written composition section. The grade 9 reading and grade 10 and exit level ELA TAKS tests also contain open-ended reading items. Since 2009 is a designated release year, districts may retain a copy of each student's TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M composition and/or open-ended reading responses for assessments administered during the 2008-2009 testing cycle (October 2008 through July 2009). If the photocopier has a memory function, be sure to clear it after copying confidential material. However, districts are **NOT** permitted to make copies of students' compositions or open-ended reading responses for the grade 10 ELA LAT test. If you have questions about duplicating or distributing students' written compositions and reading responses, contact your district testing coordinator.

For the written composition section, test administrators may **NOT** read the writing prompt aloud unless a student specifically requests that it be read aloud. However, test administrators are allowed to read the prompt to students taking TAKS–M. At no time before, during, or after the administration of the test are test administrators permitted to assist students with their written composition or open-ended items. **Reading or discussion of student compositions or open-ended responses is not allowed at any time before the date indicated in the Calendar of Events.** 

If students are typing responses for all TAKS writing/ELA tests and the TAKS (Accommodated) or TAKS–M grade 4 writing test, features such as spell-check and the word predictability function must be disabled.



There are no open-ended items on the TAKS–M grade 9 reading and grade 10/11 ELA tests.

The test administrator must NOT

- elaborate on the prompt,
- give students an opening and/or closing sentence,
- give students an outline for organizing their composition,
- give students information about how to develop their ideas, or
- **translate the prompt into another language (except sign language).**

If a student asks a question about the prompt, the test administrator may say, **"I can't explain it to you; just respond to the prompt in the best way you can."** 

# Administering TAKS in a Bilingual Setting

A bilingual test administrator may be instructed to administer the English test to Englishdominant students and the Spanish test to Spanish-dominant students in the same test session. The test administrator must read aloud the directions for one test completely before reading directions for the other test, because directions must be read verbatim.

**NOTE:** Depending on the grade and subject, some sample test items and writing prompts may differ from one version of the test to the other.

# **Mathematics Reading Assistance at Grade 3**

Any student may receive reading assistance on the TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), or TAKS–M grade 3 mathematics test. Upon request from a student, test administrators may provide assistance by reading any word, phrase, or sentence of a test question or answer choice that the student is experiencing difficulty reading. This reading assistance is permitted on an individual basis for any grade 3 student who requests it. An administrator who wants to group and separate students who may require reading assistance from those who do not should contact the campus coordinator to see whether the necessary arrangements can be made. Test administrators providing reading assistance must be aware that they are viewing secure content and that responding to test items or recording the information they see is strictly prohibited.

If a student needs the test read in its entirety, then this constitutes an oral administration and is limited to students who meet the eligibility criteria. See the Accommodations Manual for eligibility criteria for an oral administration of TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), or TAKS–M mathematics.

Providing reading assistance to eligible students during LAT mathematics and science administrations follows different guidelines than providing reading assistance to grade 3 mathematics students. See the Accommodations Manual for more information.



# **Oral Administration**

Test questions and answer choices for mathematics, science, and/or social studies tests may be read aloud to eligible students. See the Accommodations Manual for eligibility information.

Oral administration encompasses different levels of reading support for each student in accordance with individual student needs. This may include reading only a few words or phrases, reading multiple sentences throughout the test, or reading the test in its entirety (questions and answer choices). It is the responsibility of the ARD committee, Section 504 committee, or the committee of knowledgeable persons to appropriately document the level of oral administration support the student needs. Oral administration at any level of support is allowed in mathematics, science, and social studies at any grade level for students who are eligible for an oral administration. Oral administration is not allowed for the reading, writing, or English language arts (ELA) tests. No person providing an oral administration of a test may write notes, calculations, or any other marks in a test booklet or in any other location. Test administrators conducting an oral administration must be aware that they are viewing secure content and that responding to test items or recording the information they see is strictly prohibited.

**Ensure that test administrators for oral administrations receive additional training in the procedures specific to an oral test administration.** Refer them to the section titled "Oral Administration" in the appropriate grade-specific test administration materials. Be sure to code answer documents properly to indicate oral administrations.

# **Breaks**

Test administrators may allow students to take brief breaks in the testing room during a test session. However, breaks are not mandatory; test administrators may use their own judgment in determining whether any are necessary. During breaks, students must not discuss the contents of the test, and test booklets must be closed with answer documents inside. At the discretion of the test administrator, students may be allowed to take restroom breaks one at a time or as an entire class. This type of break should be handled in the same way as a lunch break.

## Lunch

If testing continues into the normal lunch period, students should be allowed to break for lunch. Students must place their answer documents inside their test booklets. The test administrator must collect all test booklets and place them in locked storage. **Students must remain together as a group and be closely monitored by a trained test administrator to ensure that they do not discuss the contents of the test.** 



## **Cell Phone Use**

The use of cell phones during testing is not permitted for the following reasons.

- Making or receiving calls disrupts the testing environment by disturbing other students.
- Making or receiving calls could compromise the confidentiality of the test.
- The text messaging and camera features of cell phones could be used to compromise the confidentiality of the test.

Districts are required to develop a policy for cell phone use that serves their needs while preserving the security and confidentiality of the testing program. Check with your district coordinator if you have questions about your district's policy.

## **Emergencies**

Occasionally an emergency will arise, and a student may need to leave the testing room for a brief time. No test materials may be taken from the room. If the student returns, you and the test administrator involved should determine whether confidentiality has been maintained and if the student should continue testing. If a student cannot continue testing, the district must determine whether the student's answer document should be coded "S" (Score) or "O" (Other).

## **Changing Testing Rooms**

Some students may need more time than others to complete a test. As long as test security is not breached, students may be moved to another testing room. Students must place their answer documents inside their test booklets. The test administrator must collect all test booklets, accompany the students to the new testing room while ensuring that they do not discuss the contents of the test, and then redistribute the booklets once students are ready to continue testing. Students may **NOT** carry their own test booklets to the new testing room. It is strongly recommended that the new testing area be properly prepared to receive the students, including removing or covering all instructional aids.



# Activity 12 Oversee make-up testing.

How districts implement make-up testing is a local district decision. Districts may, for instance, give two tests on one day, schedule make-up testing throughout the rest of the week, or open campuses on Saturday to administer make-up tests. As campus coordinator you are responsible for following the specified policy guidelines determined by your district.

The chart below indicates the grade levels, allowable subject areas, make-up testing dates, and nonallowable subject areas for administering make-up tests.

Make-up Testing						
Grade	Allowable Subject(s)	Make-up Testing Dates	Nonallowable Subject(s)			
3 English and Spanish	<b>Reading</b> (March and April administrations only) <b>Mathematics</b>	Reading: March 4–7; April 30–May 2 Mathematics: April 29–May 2 LAT Reading: April 29–May 2 LAT Mathematics: April 28–May 2	None			
4 English and Spanish	Reading Mathematics	Writing				
5 English and Spanish	<b>Reading</b> (March and April administrations only) <b>Mathematics</b> (April and May administrations only)	Science				
6 English and Spanish	ReadingReading: April 30-May 2MathematicsMathematics: April 29-May 2LAT Reading: April 29-May 2LAT Mathematics: April 28-May 2		None			
7	Reading Mathematics	Reading: April 30–May 2 Mathematics: April 29–May 2 LAT Reading: April 29–May 2 LAT Mathematics: April 28–May 2	Writing			
8	Reading (March and April administrations only)Reading: March 4–7; April 30–May 2 Mathematics: April 8–9; May 20–21Mathematics (April and May administrations only)LAT Reading: April 29–May 2 LAT Mathematics: April 7–9		Science Social Studies			
9	None	None	Reading Mathematics			
10	English language arts (ELA) Mathematics	TAKS ELA: March 5 TAKS–M ELA: March 4–7 Mathematics: April 29–May 2 LAT ELA: April 29–May 2 LAT Mathematics: April 28–May 2	Science Social Studies			
Exit Level or Grade 11	None None		ELA Mathematics Science Social Studies			

**NOTE:** Except as noted for grade 10 ELA, the same make-up schedule applies to TAKS (Accommodated) and TAKS–M.



## **Make-up Testing Procedures**

The topic of make-up testing should be reviewed in training sessions for test administrators. Subject-area tests and grade levels that are included in the make-up testing policy, students eligible for make-up testing, procedures for administering make-up tests, and procedures for returning materials should be covered.

To be eligible for a make-up test, a student **must** be absent on the regular day of testing for that subject area. If a student starts testing on the regularly scheduled day and is unable to continue, the student is **NOT** eligible for a make-up and the district must determine if the student's answer document should be coded "S" (Score) or "O" (Other). You may call TEA's Student Assessment Division for guidance, if needed, at 512-463-9536. The score code of "A" (Absent) should be marked only for those students who are absent from both the regular and make-up testing sessions.

For a student taking a LAT administration, the coding requirements differ. If a LAT student starts testing on the regularly scheduled day and is unable to continue, mark "I" in the LAT INFO area. (Do not mark "O" in the SCORE CODE field.) If a LAT student is absent from both the regular and make-up testing opportunities, mark "A" in the LAT INFO area. (Do not mark "A" in the SCORE CODE field.) The SCORE CODE field for all LAT students must be marked "L."

- The make-up test for TAKS English language arts at grade 10 will be administered on one assigned date: Thursday, March 5, 2009. Students taking the TAKS English language arts test on this day will be using a specified make-up test form along with the regular grade 10 TAKS ELA answer document, which must have its MAKE-UP FORM bubble marked to ensure accurate scoring. Students taking the make-up test for TAKS (Accommodated) English language arts at grade 10 will use the test form provided for the regular day of testing. Districts will be sent the TAKS grade 10 ELA make-up test form automatically with the secure shipment of test materials. This form will be available in large print and may be ordered using the online system for submitting additional orders. The make-up test for TAKS–M English language arts at grade 10 may be administered at any time during the make-up window, and students will use the test form provided for the regular day of testing.
- For all other make-up subject-area tests, students will use the test forms provided for the regular day of testing.
- If students are taking a make-up test in mathematics, test administrators should fill in "9" in column D in the AGENCY USE field on the cover of the scorable test booklet or answer document to indicate that the students are taking a make-up test. If students are taking a make-up test in reading, test administrators should fill in "9" in column E in the AGENCY USE field. Campus coordinators are responsible for ensuring that these fields are marked correctly.
- Make-up test materials should NOT be returned separately. All scorable and nonscorable materials, including those used for make-up testing, must be returned

# by the dates listed on the Calendar of Events. Consult TAKS Campus Coordinator Activities 14 and 15 when preparing scorable and nonscorable materials for return.

When preparing scorable materials for return to the district coordinator, keep the following points in mind. After the regular day of testing, complete the Class Identification Sheets except for the NUMBER OF ANSWER DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED field. After make-up testing has been completed, add the make-up answer documents and/or scorable test booklets to the appropriate class groups. You do not need to complete separate Class Identification Sheets for students who take a make-up test. The quantity entered on the Class Identification Sheet should be the total number of answer documents submitted—both for the students who tested on the regular testing day and for those who participated in make-up testing.



No person may view, reveal, discuss, or score the contents of an assessment instrument at any time unless expressly authorized to do so by the test administration materials. To ensure test security, keep test materials in locked storage (for example, in a locked closet) when not in use.





# **Return TAKS Materials**

Activity 13

Direct the collection of materials from test administrators.

Before test administrators return their materials to you, they must

- verify that no students' answer documents have been left inside test booklets at grades 4–10 or exit level;
- prepare used grade 3 scorable test booklets (including voided booklets) that are to be scored or scanned by removing the "PULL" tab from the vinyl seals, if this has not been done already. This includes all test booklets, regardless of the score code that is marked;
- review the accuracy of any student identification or program information you have asked them to verify;
- use a No. 2 pencil to transcribe the information from a voided scorable test booklet or answer document onto the document with which the student continued the test, if applicable;
- use a No. 2 pencil to transcribe onto a scorable test booklet or answer document the responses of any student who tested with a braille or large-print test booklet; and
- verify that all test booklets and answer documents are accounted for.

After you have collected the test materials, you must confirm that all the steps above have been taken.

After the final test session, test administrators must return all test materials to you. These materials include the following:

- answer documents to be scored or scanned for demographic data
- scorable test booklets to be scored or scanned for demographic data
- voided answer documents
- voided grade 3 scorable test booklets
- unused answer documents
- unused grade 3 scorable test booklets
- used and unused nonscorable test booklets
- braille and large-print test booklets and the specific braille instructions
- secure LAT linguistic simplification guides (grades 3–8 and 10)
- dyslexia bundled accommodations proper-nouns lists
- signed test administrator oath
- voided and/or unused precoded labels, if applicable
- typed or tape-recorded materials, if applicable

As you collect the test materials, use the Materials Control Form (see Campus Activity 10) to verify that all test booklets have been returned to you. Check the security numbers of each set of test booklets against the security number range assigned to a particular test administrator. **You are responsible for locating any missing test booklets**.

Verify that you have received a signed test administrator security oath from each of your test administrators. Retain these signed oaths on file for at least five years.



IMPORTANT: Make sure that all answer documents have been removed from test booklets at grades 4–10 and exit level. Otherwise, the answer documents may not be scored. Return all scorable materials to district coordinator.

It is very important that you follow the instructions below for sorting, packing, and returning your scorable materials to the district coordinator.

## DO return these scorable materials:

- used grades 4–10 and exit level answer documents
- used grade 3 scorable test booklets
- voided grades 4–10 and exit level answer documents
- voided grade 3 scorable test booklets

You have been provided three different types of identification sheets for your scorable materials: the Class Identification Sheet, the Campus and Group Identification Sheet, and the Voided Answer Document Identification Sheet. All scorable materials must be returned beneath the appropriate identification sheets. Specific information about the proper use of each sheet is included in the instructions below.

**NOTE:** Scorable test booklets and answer documents with **any score code** marked (including those for absences, exemptions, etc.) **must be returned with the scorable materials** for scoring or scanning, so that these students will be recorded and will receive reports. These documents must be included in the counts on the appropriate identification sheets.

Use the same boxes in which your test materials arrived to pack test materials for shipping to your district coordinator. If you do not have enough boxes, you may substitute boxes of similar strength. Follow the schedule on the Calendar of Events for returning the scorable materials to your district coordinator.

## Step 1: Separate Scorable from Nonscorable Materials

- Separate the scorable materials listed above from your other test materials. Set aside your nonscorable materials for further sorting and return. (See Campus Coordinator Activity 15.) Keep TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and TAKS–M materials separate from TELPAS, TAAS, or EOC materials.
- TAKS (Accommodated), Spanish-version TAKS, TAKS–M, and LAT test materials should be returned with the regular TAKS materials under TAKS identification sheets. TAKS–M and grade 10 LAT ELA materials each must be grouped and banded separately from other materials. It is critical for grade 10 LAT ELA materials to be grouped separately in order to expedite scoring of the written compositions and open-ended reading responses.
- Make sure that materials from different TAKS administrations are packed and shipped separately. See the Calendar of Events for a complete list of 2009 TAKS administrations.

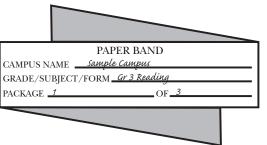
## Step 2: Separate and Pack Voided Scorable Materials

Separate your voided scorable materials from those to be scored or scanned. (All voided materials should be marked "VOID" in large, bold letters across the front.)
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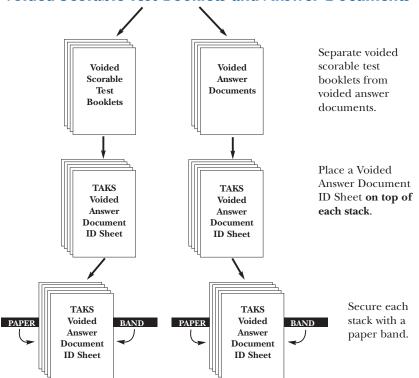


LAT test booklet (English or Spanish)**that should not be scored** must be voided and returned with the other voided materials.

- Separate the voided materials into two stacks (if applicable): one for voided grade 3 scorable test booklets and one for voided grades 4–10 and exit level answer documents. You do not need to arrange the voided materials within each stack in any particular order.
- For each stack, fill out one Voided Answer Document Identification Sheet, following the directions on the front of the sheet.
- Place one Voided Answer Document Identification Sheet on the top of each stack of voided materials. Secure each stack (with an Identification Sheet on top) with a gummed paper band. It is acceptable to tape or staple the gummed paper band to ensure that it fits snugly around each stack.
- If either stack is too large for a single band, you may break it down and use multiple bands for the stack. It is important that you mark each band appropriately—for instance, "1 of 2" and "2 of 2." Place the banded stack that includes the Voided Answer Document Identification Sheet on top.



Place your stacks of voided scorable materials at the bottom of your campus box(es). (Use a separate box solely for voided scorable materials, if practical.)



## **Voided Scorable Test Booklets and Answer Documents**

**NOTE:** The same process as above will be used for sorting and returning voided TAKS–M and voided grade 10 LAT ELA scorable materials.

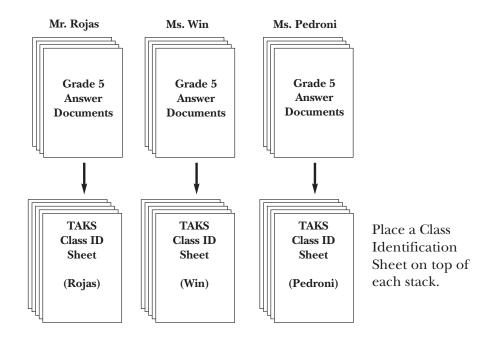


## Step 3: Gather Materials by Class and Identify Properly

- The Class Identification Sheet is used to sort and count answer documents for reporting purposes. Reports for students within each grade are organized according to the school official whose name is entered on the accompanying Class Identification Sheet(s). You must use a Class Identification Sheet to designate one or more "classes" (for reporting purposes) within each grade.
- To do so, gather all TAKS, including TAKS (Accommodated), and LAT answer documents from students in a particular grade. Then gather TAKS-M answer documents.
- For example, you may have sets of grade 5 answer documents, as illustrated below. Determine how you want your test results for this grade to be organized. Group the answer documents accordingly. Place a blank Class Identification Sheet on top of each "class."

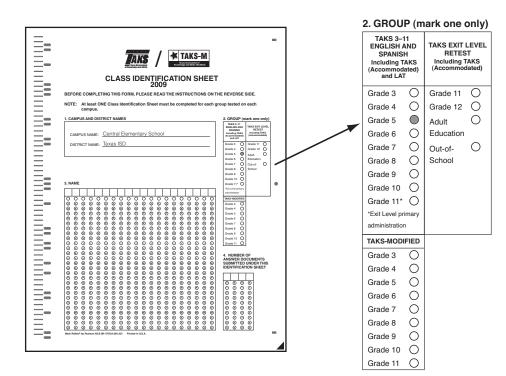
So if you want your grade 5 test results to be organized by test administrator, you will need to organize the grade 5 answer documents accordingly, **with a separate Class Identification Sheet placed on top of each test administrator's group**. You may also organize your "classes" by campus principal, homeroom teacher, counselor, etc.

Fill out the Class Identification Sheet(s) for these answer documents, following the instructions on the back of the sheets. Keep each completed Class Identification Sheet on top of the appropriate set of answer documents. (See illustration below.)

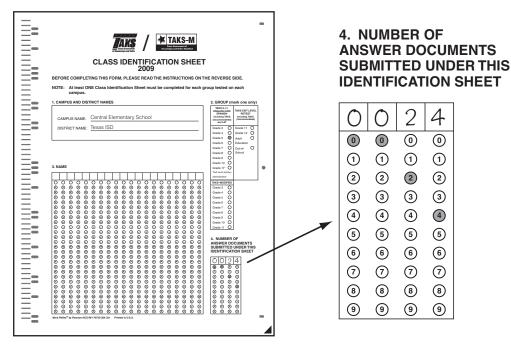


**NOTE:** TAKS (Accommodated), Spanish TAKS, and LAT grade 5 answer documents may be placed within each set above as desired. TAKS–M answer documents need to be submitted under separate Class Identification Sheets. If the above example were for grade 10, any LAT ELA answer documents need to be placed under a separate Class Identification Sheet, as would any grade 10 TAKS–M answer documents.

 All scorable test booklets or answer documents beneath a Class Identification Sheet must have the same grade level marked on the sheet. (See sample below.)



The exact number of scorable test booklets or answer documents submitted under a Class Identification Sheet must be gridded correctly on that sheet. (See sample below.)

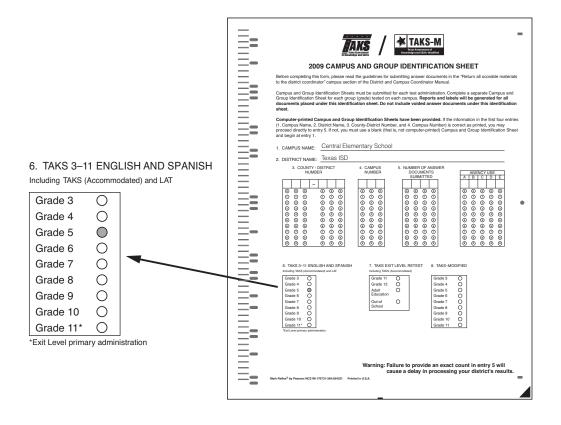


**NOTE:** The same process will be used to record counts for TAKS–M materials or grade 10 LAT ELA materials using the TAKS Class Identification Sheet.



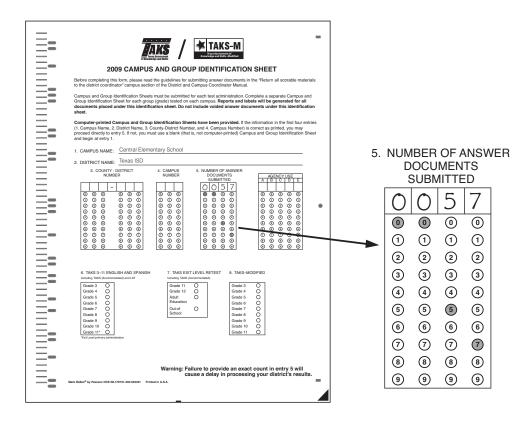
# **Step 4: Assemble Classes; Identify Group with Campus and Group Identification Sheet**

- For TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), Spanish TAKS, and LAT (except grade 10 LAT ELA), assemble each class topped with a Class Identification Sheet into a single stack by grade. (In the preceding example, bring together all of your grade 5 answer documents with their accompanying Class Identification Sheets.)
- Fill out a single Campus and Group Identification Sheet for the group and place it on top of the stack. All answer documents in the group must belong to the grade level marked. (See sample below.)





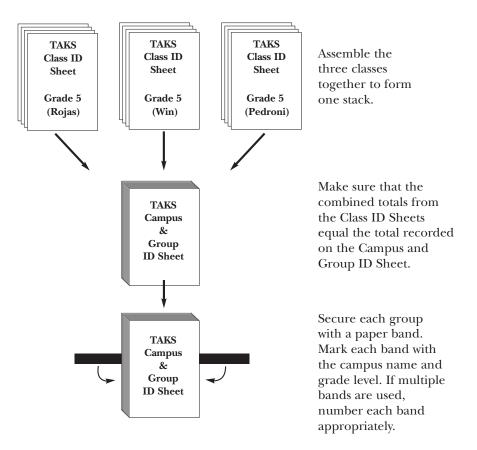
Carefully check and enter the number of answer documents for that group. The number entered on the Campus and Group Identification Sheet must match the total of the numbers on the Class Identification Sheets for that group. For example, if you have three Class Identification Sheets for your grade 5 group—one with 24 answer documents, one with 16, and one with 17—the number you will enter on the Campus and Group Identification Sheet will be 57. (See sample below.)



**NOTE:** The same process will be used to record counts for TAKS–M materials and for grade 10 LAT ELA. The result will be separate groups of TAKS–M materials under TAKS Campus and Group Identification Sheets by grade, and a separate group of grade 10 LAT ELA materials under its own TAKS Campus and Group Identification Sheet.



- Secure the entire group (with Campus and Group Identification Sheet on top) with a gummed paper band. It is acceptable to tape or staple the gummed paper band to ensure that it fits snugly around each stack.
- If the stack is too large for a single band, you may break it down and use multiple bands for the group. It is important that you mark each band appropriately—for instance, "1 of 2" and "2 of 2." Place the banded stack that includes the Campus and Group Identification Sheet on top. Remember to mark each band with the campus name and grade level.



The Campus and Group Identification Sheet must be filled out accurately. An incorrect count of the answer documents submitted for scoring/scanning will delay the processing of the results for your campus.

**NOTE:** The same process as illustrated above will be used for TAKS–M scorable materials using TAKS Campus and Group Identification Sheets.



The TAKS scorable test booklet or answer document of a student in a juvenile justice alternative education program (JJAEP) or a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP) should be placed beneath the Class Identification Sheet and the Campus and Group Identification Sheet of the student's regular class, campus, and group. For more information, see Appendix E.

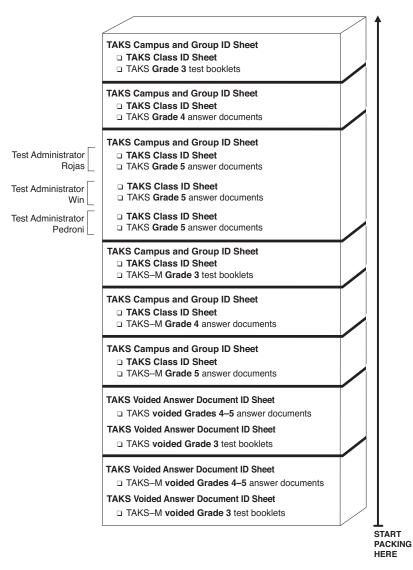
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## Step 5: Repeat for All Groups; Pack Answer Documents by Group

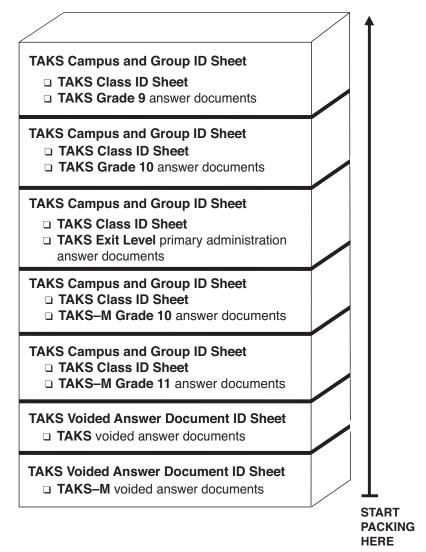
- Repeat Steps 3–4 for each group on your campus, identify each with a Campus and Group Identification Sheet, band the stack with a gummed paper band, and mark each band appropriately.
- Before packing these groups to be scored/scanned, make sure that your voided answer documents are at the bottom of your campus box(es). Band and group grade 10 LAT ELA and TAKS–M documents separately from other voided materials.
- Put the stacks into the boxes, with the highest grade level going in first (on top of the voided documents) and the lowest grade level going in last (uppermost in the box or boxes). Place any grade 10 LAT ELA stack at the very top. See the illustrations that follow for packing an elementary school's and a high school's scorable materials for return.

## Sample Packing Order for an Elementary School's TAKS Scorable Materials





## Sample Packing Order for a High School's TAKS Scorable Materials



**NOTE:** For the late April administration, be sure to place any grade 10 LAT ELA stack at the very top of the box.

## Step 6: Return Scorable Materials to District Coordinator

• Follow your district coordinator's instructions for returning the scorable materials by the date listed on the Calendar of Events.

## Activity 15 Return all nonscorable materials to district coordinator.

Keep all nonscorable materials in locked storage until they are returned to the district coordinator. Refer to the Calendar of Events for deadlines. Return the applicable nonscorable materials listed below to the district coordinator, either in the boxes in which they arrived or in boxes of similar strength. Coordinator manuals, test administrator manuals, and grade-specific Test Administration Directions may be kept at the campus or sent to the district coordinator. Contact your district coordinator to determine where manuals should be stored between administrations.

## DO return these nonscorable materials:

- test booklets grouped by grade, including LAT test booklets, for grades 4–10 and exit level
- unused grade 3 scorable test booklets, including unused LAT scorable test booklets
- LAT linguistic simplification guides (if applicable)
- braille and large-print materials (if applicable)
- dyslexia bundled accommodations proper-nouns lists (if applicable)
- unused or voided precoded labels
- unused ID sheets
- unused answer documents
- typed or tape-recorded materials (if applicable)

Return the signed campus coordinator security oath and the signed campus principal security oath to the district coordinator after you have returned the last scorable and nonscorable materials for your campus for the testing year. (See the section Test Security and Confidentiality Requirements for further information regarding the security oaths.) Retain your Materials Control Form(s) for your records.

Test administrators are instructed to destroy any mathematics or science charts, science rulers, or LAT bilingual glossaries that have been written on inadvertently. In addition, LAT test administrators are instructed to destroy any materials they create **during** a LAT administration (for example, pictures and translations) to meet individual students' needs. The remaining materials may be kept and used as instructional tools.

## Do NOT return these nonscorable materials:

- Coordinator Manuals
- TAKS General Test Administrator Manuals
- TAKS grade-specific Test Administration Directions
- TAKS–M Manuals



- unused paper bands
- science rulers
- mathematics or science charts
- packing lists or assembly identification sheets
- locally developed LAT bilingual glossaries
- scratch paper used as part of a testing accommodation (must be destroyed after testing)

**NOTE:** Proper-nouns lists for dyslexia bundled accommodations must be returned in the nonscorable shipment.



Copies of the TAKS General Test Administrator Manual, TAKS–M Test Administrator Manuals, and Test Administration Directions should be retained and stored for use in future administrations. Other nonscorable materials listed above (except for scratch paper) may be recycled.

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