

CHAPTER 17: TEKS-BASED TAAS STUDY GUIDES

In compliance with the Texas Education Code, Section 39.024(c), the Student Assessment Division of the Texas Education Agency and its contractor Harcourt Educational Measurement (HEM) provided study guides to help parents assist students who do not perform satisfactorily on one or more parts of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS). These study guides were revised in spring 2000 to fully reflect the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)-based assessment.

TEKS-based TAAS study guides are provided through school districts for students who fail one or more parts of the TAAS test. The guides are packaged by campus for delivery to districts. The number of study guides shipped to each district is determined from the previous year's test results.

TEKS-Based TAAS study guides are to be distributed in the manner most effective for the school district, but school districts must remain aware of the requirements for maintaining the confidentiality of TAAS results. Students are to receive study guides for the grade-level subject-area test(s) they failed. For example, if a child failed the fourth-grade mathematics test, he or she would receive a fourth-grade study guide. The intention is that a student should study the skills in a particular subject area that he or she failed (on TAAS) before beginning to learn new material in the subsequent grade.

Study guides are provided at no additional charge through districts to students who fail one or more parts of TAAS; however, TAAS study guides will no longer be available for Grades 3–8 after July 2002 due to the implementation of the new TAKS assessment program in 2002–2003.

The following schedule illustrates when study guides were shipped to districts during the 2001–2002 school year.

TAAS TEST ADMINISTRATION	STUDY GUIDES SHIPPED TO DISTRICTS
October 2001 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit level retest (writing, reading, mathematics) 	December 2001
February 2002 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit level reading, writing, mathematics 	May 2002
May 2002 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior exit level retest (writing, reading, mathematics) 	May 2001
July 2002 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit level retest (writing, reading, mathematics) 	August 2001

From September 2001 to May 2002, TEKS-based TAAS study guides were shipped to districts for distribution to students who did not pass one or more parts of the TAAS test. During that same period, additional TAAS study guides were available for purchase at cost.