

**Attachment A**  
**Information about 2008–2009 Online Administrations of**  
**TAKS, TELPAS, and EOC Assessments**

<b>TAKS</b>		
	<b>Testing Dates (same day as paper)</b>	<b>Registration Deadlines</b>
<b>October TAKS exit level retest</b>	October 21–24, 2008	September 29, 2008
<b>March TAKS exit level retest</b>	March 3–6, 2009	February 9, 2009
<b>April TAKS exit level retest</b>	April 28–May 1, 2009	April 6, 2009
<b>July TAKS exit level retest</b>	July 14–17, 2009	June 22, 2009

The TAKS exit level retests will be offered both on paper and online in October, March, April, and July. Districts may choose to place individual students in any combination of paper and online testing that best meets the needs of the student and the district. The online TAKS exit level subject-area tests must be administered on the same day scheduled for each of the paper subject-area tests. Districts will continue to receive paper test booklets and precoded labels for all students who have not met the passing standard in at least one exit level subject. Please note that these tests are available for retesters only.

*Enrollment:* Pearson will enroll all eligible students and registered out-of-school students into the online system, so it will not be necessary for districts to submit an additional student data file to participate online. **Note that the registration deadline for the October TAKS exit level retests is September 29.**

*Results:* All results for students taking TAKS online will be merged and reported at the same time as the paper testing results.

<b>TELPAS</b>		
	<b>Testing Window</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
<b>TELPAS reading, grades 2–12</b>	March 9–April 10, 2009	Students will be loaded automatically

The TELPAS reading tests for English language learners (ELLs) in grades 2–12 will be administered only online this spring. This decision was made based on input from a number of student assessment advisory groups. Last spring approximately two-thirds of the state’s ELLs in grades 2–12 participated in online testing. The tests will be administered during the five-week period of March 9–April 10, 2009.

In rare instances, such as when a student needs a testing accommodation that is not available in an online administration or when there is an unavoidable technological problem, a student may take the TELPAS reading test on paper. More information about paper-based testing will be provided in the spring 2009 administration materials.

*Enrollment:* Pearson will enroll all students into the online system. As in the past, districts will have the option of supplying student data files for online testing. Student information will be loaded for students from the October 2008 PEIMS submission for districts that do **not** supply student data files. The process for supplying student data files is the same as that for providing precode files for paper-based testing, but it will include the opportunity to provide class group information used for building class rosters for online testing. Information on supplying student data files will be sent to all districts during the fall of 2008.

*Results:* TELPAS results for any students requiring a paper test will be merged with the online testing results.

<b>EOC</b>		
	<b>Testing Window</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
<b>Algebra I</b>	May 11–29, 2009	April 23, 2009
<b>Geometry</b>		
<b>Biology</b>		
<b>Chemistry</b>		
<b>U.S. History</b>		

The optional EOC assessments for Algebra I, geometry, biology, chemistry, and U.S. history will be offered to students completing the specified coursework in the spring semester. These tests will be offered **only online**. Districts may administer the operational tests (Algebra I, geometry, biology, chemistry, and U.S. history) during the three-week period of May 11–29, 2009.

*Enrollment:* To participate, districts will need to supply student enrollment files to Pearson. Information on supplying student enrollment files will be provided upon district registration for the assessment.

*Results:* Within 24 hours of test completion, districts may obtain Confidential Student Reports and Confidential Lists of Students' Results via the online testing system. Algebra I EOC assessment reports will provide raw scores, scale scores, and performance standards for Met Standard and Commended Performance levels. Reports for EOC assessments in geometry, biology, chemistry, and U.S. history will provide only raw scores until performance standards are established for those assessments. In addition, summary reports for the Algebra I EOC assessment and data files containing individual student results for these five EOC assessments will be available to districts following the close of the testing window.

*Field testing:* In addition to the five optional operational EOC assessments listed above, selected districts will be required to participate in EOC field tests in physics and world geography. The EOC field test window is May 4–22, 2009. Campuses selected to participate in the 2009 EOC field tests will test either online in physics, online in world geography, or on paper in world geography. Those campuses selected for the paper-based EOC field test in world geography will be provided materials prior to the testing window. Districts were notified of their participation in the field-test letter dated August 20, 2008.

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR TAKS AND EOC ONLINE TESTING**

District testing coordinators may register their district and campuses for TAKS and EOC online testing by navigating to the *Resources* page at <http://www.etesttx.com/resources> and selecting the registration link.

Three weeks prior to the start of each online administration, additional details will be sent from Pearson Online Testing via e-mail to the district testing coordinator of participating districts.