Student Registration and Getting Ready for Interim Testing

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Objectives

Today’s session will cover the following topics:

• Overview and Key Resources
• Registration:
  • Changes for 2019–2020
  • New registration template
  • User interface versus upload
  • Resolving conflicts and errors
  • Attempts within an opportunity
• Registration Demonstration
• Training
• Questions
Interim Overview & Key Resources
## Interim Assessment Overview

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<th>The interim assessment IS:</th>
<th>The interim assessment is NOT:</th>
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<td>• a way to monitor academic improvement, especially for students who are performing below grade level</td>
<td>• an item bank intended for building classroom quizzes or assignments</td>
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<td>• a tool to inform interventions for students or groups of students based on predictions of STAAR performance</td>
<td>• a source of test questions for tutoring or small-group instruction</td>
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<td>• a benchmarking instrument at the campus or district level</td>
<td>• a formative assessment tool designed to provide standards-level performance data</td>
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Interim Assessment Overview

• Offered through the STAAR Online Testing Platform, software that is available for districts and open-enrollment charter schools.
  • Prior versions of the secure browser for Windows, Mac OS, and Linux must be uninstalled before installing the latest updated version.

• Results are reported in the STAAR Assessment Management System's Online Reporting Suite (ORS), which has been designed to provide interim data in an easy-to-use format.

• Texas Education Agency (TEA) permission or confirmation is not required.
# Interim Assessment Overview

## Testing and Grade Level Terms

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<td>Grade Level</td>
<td>Enrolled grade of the student</td>
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<td>Testing Level</td>
<td>Test content of the grade (for both the skill or concept being tested and the content of the testing items)</td>
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<td>On-grade Testing</td>
<td>Testing where enrolled grade level and testing level are the same</td>
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<td>Off-grade Testing</td>
<td>Testing at any grade level above or below enrolled grade level</td>
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<td>Above-Grade Testing</td>
<td>Testing at a least one grade above enrolled grade level</td>
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<td>Multi-Section Testing (MST)</td>
<td>All student tests begin with the same set of items, then proceed to one of three possible sections or stages. The second section includes items that are easier, of a similar difficulty, or harder depending on the results of the first section</td>
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<td>Linear Testing</td>
<td>Traditional testing where all students take the same test with the same items.</td>
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## Interim Assessment Overview

### Opportunity Windows for 2019-2020

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<th>Interim Administration</th>
<th>Registration Begins</th>
<th>Administration Start Date</th>
<th>Administration End Date</th>
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<td>First testing window (Opportunity 1)</td>
<td>August 12, 2019</td>
<td>August 15, 2019</td>
<td>March 31, 2020</td>
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<td>Second testing window (Opportunity 2)</td>
<td>November 15, 2019</td>
<td>November 22, 2019</td>
<td>March 31, 2020</td>
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Interim Assessment Overview

• For some subjects, two different assessment administration opportunities are available, and districts can choose when to schedule either or both of these administrations.

• Subjects with two opportunities - available during Opportunity 1 and Opportunity 2
  • grades 3–8 mathematics
  • Spanish grades 3–5 mathematics
  • Algebra I
  • English I
  • English II
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- Subjects with **one** opportunity - available during Opportunity 2 only
  - grades 3–8 reading (includes Braille)
  - Spanish grades 3–5 reading
  - grade 5 and grade 8 science
  - Spanish grade 5 science
  - grade 8 social studies (includes Braille)
  - Biology
  - U.S. History (includes Braille)

**Note:** There is no American Sign Language (ASL) for interim assessments.
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Embedded Supports Offered

• B = Refreshable Braille (English only, cannot be combined with any other PNP)
  • Available for STAAR 3–8 for reading and social studies
  • Available for STAAR EOC for English I, English II, and U.S. History

• M = Basic Calculator (mathematics and science in grades 3–7)

• R = Content and Language Supports (English, Spanish 3–5)

• T = Text-to-Speech (English, Spanish 3–5)
  • Includes click word
Interim Assessment Key Resources

• Websites
  - http://TexasAssessment.gov/administrators/technology/
  - https://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/IA/
Registration
Interim Assessment Changes for 2019–2020

Updated header template
• The STAAR Summative and Interim share the 2019-2020 registration header template and registration document.

Available for download
• Students > Upload
Interim Assessment Registration

• Students must be registered separately for Opportunity 1 and Opportunity 2 using one of the methods below.

• Two methods for registering students
  • *Students > Register*
  • *Students > Upload*
Interim Assessment Registration

Changes for 2019–2020

• Test Assessment Type Field (column BA)
  • Accepted values: “I” and “blank”
  • Enter I for interim registrations
  • Must leave blank for summative administrations
• PNP$ expanded to include Spanish titles
Interim Assessment Registration: User Interface (UI)
Interim Assessment Registration: 
*Students > Upload*

- The following fields are required on the Interim Grades 3–8 student data file:
  - Grade
  - Campus-ID-of-Enrollment (County/District/Campus Number)
  - District-Name
  - Campus-Name
  - Student Name fields (Last-Name, First-Name) **NOTE:** Middle initial not required
  - PEIMS-ID
  - Date-of-Birth
Interim Assessment Registration: 
*Students > Upload*

- The following fields are required on the Interim End-of-Course student data file:
  - Grade
  - Campus-ID of-Enrollment (County/District/Campus Number)
  - District-Name
  - Campus-Name
  - Student Name fields (Last-Name, First-Name) **NOTE:** Middle initial not required
  - PEIMS-ID
  - Date-of-Birth
  - End-of-Course Code (Course Code)
  - Test Format (online testing mode, for students with PNP accommodations, enter O in the Test Format field.)
  - Sex-Code
Registration Errors and Conflicts: Students > Upload

Download Spreadsheet Template – blank CSV file that can be used to enter student records for upload

Filename – click on file name to download/retrieve file that was uploaded

Status –

- All records successfully uploaded
- Some but not all records successfully uploaded
- No records successfully uploaded

Uploads – indicates the fraction of records that successfully uploaded
Registration Errors and Conflicts: Students > Upload

Errors – indicates the number of errors in the file upload

Conflicts – indicates the number of conflicts in the file upload

Actions:

Download Errors – downloads an error report detailing the row number(s) in the upload file containing errors and the cell that contained the error

Delete File – deletes upload file record from list – this action will not affect any records that were successfully uploaded.
  • Not recommended – removal of the upload file entry may prohibit investigation of errors and warnings.
Registration Errors and Conflicts

Errors occur when data entered does not conform to data file specifications.

- **Uploaded File: Errors**
  - Indicates the column(s) containing errors
  - Indicates the error type
  - Indicates the number of rows (records) with an error

- Further drilldown reveals:
  - Row # with error
  - Associated PEIMS ID
  - Invalid data entry
Registration Errors and Conflicts

Conflicts occur when there is a mismatch between uploaded student data and Student Directory information.

• **Uploaded File: Conflicts**
  • Indicates the column(s) containing a conflict
  • Indicates the conflict type
  • Indicates the number of rows (records) containing a conflict

• Further drilldown reveals:
  • Row # with conflict
  • Associated PEIMS ID
  • Invalid data entry
Interim Assessment Registration

- Ten attempts (reattempts per student) available within each opportunity
Interim Registration Demo
Training
Training

• Interim Assessment Overview and Interim Assessments Updates Webinar posted below: https://texasassessment.gov/administrators/training/

• The session covered:
  • Interim Assessments Overview
  • Changes for 2019–2020
  • Preparing for Interim Testing
  • Test Administration
  • Interim Assessments Best Practices
  • Resources and Training
Training

Upcoming Webinar Trainings

• **A Deep Dive into the Online Reporting Suite (ORS)**
  • Tuesday, August 27, 2019
  • 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. (CT)
  • Click [here](https://texasassessment.gov/administrators/training) to register.

• Summative and Interim webinar registration links posted to [https://texasassessment.gov/administrators/training](https://texasassessment.gov/administrators/training)
Questions
Customer Support

• Texas Assessment Support Center
• Monday–Friday
• 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (CT)
• 855-333-7770
• STAAREOC@ets.org or STAAR3-8@ets.org
• Click the chat link in the Help Documentation tab in the Assessment Management System.