



T-SNAP TELECONFERENCE AGENDA
November 6, 2008
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND PRELIMINARIES – Laura Witte

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Make sure that your microphones are **off** unless asking a question.

TELECONFERENCE MODERATOR – Laura Witte, 2008 T-SNAP President

T-SNAP MATTERS

- **Evaluation Report for the Academies and the Best Practice Forum-** Dr. Stacy Daugherty, Galena Park ISD – survey results were good. There was low response rate due to the fact that the surveys were posted late because of Hurricane Ike. We will post results on TSNAP website.
- **Assessment Conference Planning Committee Update-** Sandra Poth, Northside ISD – calendar and sessions were streamline – tasanet.org to register – Hilton is full.
- **Other Business – new website!**

Student Assessment- Cathy Kline, Director of Test Administration

Growth Measure- documents are in the what's new on TEAs website. These are documents that were submitted to USDE for using growth model for AYP. The summary document provides a very good overview of the model that TEA is working on. The materials will be submitted to state board on Nov 18th. Cathy said there were so many decisions that are yet to be made that it is hard to discuss. TEA is being required to develop a growth measure and report it to districts and parents. She did say that just because this is what was submitted to USDE that something different could be used at the state level. Cathy is not sure if it will be on CSR.

NAEP- Kim Ackerman – the interactive computer test – Sept 23rd an email went to DTC to notify those that were selected. Out of the 600 schools that were selected for NAEP only 37 schools were selected for the computer testing (25 districts). NAEP will provide all of the laptops and technology – there will not be access to the internet. Using Test Nav technology that will already be installed. Schools will need to provide the outlets, NAEP will provide power cords. All answers will be stored on pin drives. Nov 12th is the deadline for the district data files to be submitted to NAEP for districts with 10 or more campuses. Smaller districts will submit the data by campus.

PEIMS Changes and Testing- A concern that PEIMS correspondence was not be shared with DTC. An email went out regarding the data file format. There are changes!!

Expanded Calendar of Events- two or three weeks ago the calendar was posted to the Student Assessment website – use the A to Z directory. You will notice that it has been reformatted for readability. It is divided into two parts – before test administration and after test administration. Additional dates have also been added – precode file, advance letters, corrected CSRs due in districts, ect. The goal was to try and get all of the information in one place. Laura Witte thanked Cathy for the time and effort it took to get this calendar produced. Cathy said they always try to take input and this is another instance of TEA listening.

IKE Coding- there will be a special code and PEIMS will be providing this information to Pearson. Nothing will need to be coded on the answer document.

Interpretive Guides for Reports- TAKS, TAKS-M, TAKS-Alt have been up since mid-summer. They are online only. TELPAS will be up soon. The plan is to keep these documents online only because of cost reasons. Use the A to Z directory to locate these documents.

Release of State Assessments- they are posted online. There is also a graphic that displays the release schedule. They are working on a schedule for TAKS-M and TELPAS.

Assessment of Special Education Students

- Accommodation Request Form Online Pilot – update – currently in the process of compiling the comments and suggestions. She can share that participants were very pleased with the process and described it as a much easier process than the paper version. TEA is recommending that districts follow the same process that they previously followed for local approval of ARFs before submitting them to TEA. Sandra explained the problem they were facing locally. Kim Brannon shared that they can't see the ARF until the DTC approves it. Several DTCs shared their experience with the pilot. One downside with the email is that you cannot view the attachments and they are working on this problem.
- TAKS-ALT- We inquired about the possibility of real teacher input the information instead of the teacher of record. Cathy said they could not do that this year, but are willing to look at it for next year. They will not allow district staff to view the information that has been inputted because this is akin to staff looking at an answer document. Sandra shared the concern that teachers could incorrectly enter the information and cause the student to fail. Cathy said she would talk about it again with her staff. Cathy thought the changes to the system this year might cause it to be less prone to these kinds of errors.
- TAKS-M update- Students who are slated to TAKS-M and are retained in grade 11 – they will have to test again. It is just like any other student who is retained and they have to take that grade level test again. Cathy said that it is not an exit level test and thus must retake. **What about TAKS-Alt? Do these students have to take it again??**

TELPAS Update- TETN on Nov 13th will give information about HR online rating. The one in February will give more detailed information and is geared for training.

End of Course- districts will get a data file in the summer. Information was in Sept 19th letter. Lee Ann said the letter is going out Dec 8th with information for precode data file format. Additional paper and pencil field testing will continue in the future. They do not have any details about which test and how when. More details to follow.

Security- honor statement being extended to grades 9-11 TAKS-M. There will be 2 test administrators oaths. One is for general administration training and the other is for test specific training. There will be a specific section for those who give an oral administration. There will be multiple copies of the oaths so they can tear them out as appropriate. There will be a model policy (recommendation #12) for possible local adoption by school board concerning test security. This information will be the security supplement.

They are still working on the irregularity letters.

ESC Training- training provided to ESC staff by TEA. They see it as a trainer of trainer model. They invite staff members from larger school districts. They post all materials. They are looking at ways of standardizing the training. They are cautious about streaming because they don't want it to substitute for having a live training.

Pearson :

Online Testing-

- Update on Online Readiness Survey – 1239 school districts and charter schools. Completion rate was 97.8% for the state. They appreciate our hard work and understand it took a lot of time to complete. Six districts served as case study districts where the agency gained more information to share with the legislators. These districts were representative of the state. The preliminary results that districts would spend \$700 million dollars spent on technology with only 3% spent on online testing. Larger districts tended to see online testing as a benefit more often than smaller districts. Challenges – increased tech burden, not enough computers, back-up in case of system failure. As soon as the report goes to legislature (Dec 1st) it will be posted on TEAs website. There are also some additional reports (technical and psychometric) that will be posted on TEAs website.
- Online responses for exit level – new for March administration - if student is absent or exempt you can do this on the computer and no paper document is needed. The directions are located in TA manual.
- The process of adding students manually – do you need to add them for each subject – the answer is no, just add them to one class roster and they will be able to take what they need.
- A broadcast email will go out soon regarding EOC testing field testing for Physics is dwindling because of districts that don't offer the course every year. If you are interested in participating let TEA know.

Enrollment- The window closes on Sunday, Nov 9th. Jan 2-30 will be a time for you to update your April numbers.

Answer Documents for 2009 - They are working on the problem concerning hyphens and apostrophes to make it as easy as possible on districts. They will have a resolution soon. Not sure if this will be resolved this year or 2010.

March Testing- Sept 10th and email went out regarding return of test materials because of conflicts with Spring break. If you need special handling they are happy to work with you.

E measurement Website Update- New fields have been added for Bilingual/ESL codes as well as clarification that student id is the PEIMS code. NEW PAGE - TELPAS student status page. It will let you search for students and see how far along they are in the process – this is a new access page that DTC will have to give people access to. The new Test Nav will be out for spring administrations and will have to be downloaded – targeting end of Nov.

TELPAS – you will have the option of using PEIMS data or sending in a file. EOC you have to send in a file. You can add class information.

Test Materials-

- Adequate Manuals- there will be a new formula and there is new format – one general manual in early Jan and then separate test administrator directors for each grade level. They will not get additional general manuals. They will send 20% district coverage in January so you can disseminate to campuses as needed. They will not send as many later on in the semester. Please send in any input or suggestions in response to the new formula and manual formatting. John suggested putting a manual order line in the fall enrollment. Manuals will be posted online for district access.
- Form 1's- it is not cost effective to send district spiral coverage.

DSIRS Presentation by Pearson- it enables DTC to access test results from the previous school year. Demo was preformed.