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Components of the 2008 Texas Assessment Program

- Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)
- Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (Accommodated)
- Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills – Modified (TAKS–M)
- Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills – Alternate (TAKS–Alt)
- Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS)
- Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS)

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Answer Documents

- TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), and LAT – one combined answer document
- TAKS–M and LAT – students taking **all** subjects with TAKS–M, including students eligible to take TAKS–M with linguistic accommodations, will use the regular TAKS-M answer document (grades 4–11) or scorable test booklet (grade 3)
- TAKS–Alt – no answer documents should be submitted for students assessed with TAKS (Alt)

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Answer Documents

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- TELPAS – answer documents should be submitted for all LEP students, including those taking TELPAS reading online
- Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) – no changes to answer documents
- As answer documents are approved, the first page (with FOR TRAINING PURPOSES ONLY in name area) will be posted to:
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/training>

and

http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/tx_dist_corresp.htm#AD4TPO

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Changes to Answer Documents

- Score Code “*” is added to all TAKS and TAKS–M answer documents that have two or more subject areas tested and to all grades 2–12 TELPAS answer documents/scorable test booklets
- Score Code “ALT” is only available on the July grade 3 TAKS English-version reading scorable test booklet

NOTE: For each subject area, only ONE score code should be gridded.

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Changes to Answer Documents (continued)

- TEST TAKEN INFO field – information about the test form (TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or LAT) and the language version (English or Spanish) will be recorded in this field.
 - TAKS FORMS
 - TAKS ACCOMM. FORM
 - LAT FORM (grades 4–8, 10 only)
 - “E” or “S” for grades 4–6
 - “Blank” bubble for grades 7–11

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Changes to Answer Documents (continued)

- For each subject area tested, only ONE bubble should be gridded in the TEST TAKEN INFO field to show which assessment the student was administered.
 - Determine if the student is eligible for TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), or LAT.
 - Next, determine the language version of the assessment that the student will take (grades 4–6 only).
 - Follow the same steps to grid the TEST TAKEN INFO field even if the student is absent from the test or illness/test irregularity occurs during testing.

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Changes to Answer Documents (continued)

- TAKS (Accommodated) and LAT assessments do not have field-test items.
- Students taking TAKS (Accommodated) or LAT assessments will not use all the bubbles in the answer choice areas on the answer documents except for the following assessments.
 - Writing (grades 4 and 7)
 - Reading (grade 9, grades 5 and 8 retests)
 - ELA (grades 10 and 11)
 - Math (grades 5 and 8 retests)
 - Exit level retests starting in July 2008

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Grade 3

MARCH

TAKS
Reading

SCORE CODE
R
(A)
(L)
(O)
(S)

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Grade 4

APRIL

TAKS
Mathematics and Reading

SCORE CODE		TEST TAKEN INFO							
M	R	TAKS FORMS				TAKS ACCOMM. FORM		LAT FORM	
(A)	(A)	M	R	M	R	M	R	M	R
(L)	(L)	(E) FORM #	(E) FORM #	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)
(O)	(O)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
(*)	(*)	(0) (0)	(0) (0)					LAT INFO	
(S)	(S)	(1) (1)	(1) (1)					M R	
		(2) (2)	(2) (2)					A B	A B
		(3) (3)	(3) (3)					(1) (I)	(1) (I)
		(4) (4)	(4) (4)					(2) (A)	(2) (A)
		(5) (5)	(5) (5)					(3)	(3)
		(6) (6)	(6) (6)					(4)	(4)
		(7)	(7)					(5)	(5)
		(8)	(8)					(6)	(6)
		(9)	(9)						

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Grade 6

APRIL

TAKS Mathematics and Reading

SCORE CODE		TEST TAKEN INFO							
M	R	TAKS FORMS				TAKS ACCOMM. FORM		LAT FORM	
(A)	(A)	M	R	M	R	M	R	M	R
(L)	(L)	(E) FORM #	(E) FORM #	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)
(O)	(O)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
(*)	(*)	(0) (0)	(0) (0)			LAT INFO			
(S)	(S)	(1) (1)	(1) (1)			M	R		
		(2) (2)	(2) (2)			A	B	A	B
		(3) (3)	(3) (3)			(1) (1)	(1) (1)		
		(4) (4)	(4) (4)			(2) (A)	(2) (A)		
		(5) (5)	(5) (5)			(3)	(3)		
		(6) (6)	(6) (6)			(4)	(4)		
		(7)	(7)			(5)	(5)		
		(8)	(8)			(6)	(6)		
		(9)	(9)						

TAKS-M Mathematics and Reading

SCORE CODE		LAT INFO			
M	R	M		R	
(A)	(A)	A	B	A	B
(L)	(L)	(1) (1)	(1) (1)		
(O)	(O)	(2) (A)	(2) (A)		
(*)	(*)	(3)	(3)		
(S)	(S)	(4)	(4)		
		(5)	(5)		
		(6)	(6)		

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Grade 7

APRIL

TAKS
Mathematics and Reading

SCORE CODE		TEST TAKEN INFO					
M	R	TAKS FORMS		TAKS ACCOMM. FORM		LAT FORM	
(A)	(A)	M	R	M	R	M	R
(L)	(L)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(O)	(O)	FORM #		LAT INFO			
(*)	(*)			M		R	
(S)	(S)	(0)	(0)	A	B	A	B
		(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
		(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
		(3)	(3)	(3)		(3)	
		(4)	(4)	(4)		(4)	
		(5)	(5)	(5)		(5)	
		(6)	(6)	(6)		(6)	

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Grade 9

MARCH

TAKS
Reading

SCORE CODE	
R	
<input type="radio"/> A	
<input type="radio"/> L	
<input type="radio"/> O	
<input type="radio"/> S	

TEST TAKEN INFO	
TAKS FORMS	TAKS ACCOMM. FORM
R	R
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Grade 10

APRIL

TAKS
Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

SCORE CODE			TEST TAKEN INFO							
M	S	SS	TAKS FORMS			TAKS ACCOMM. FORM			LAT FORM	
(A)	(A)	(A)	M	S	SS	M	S	SS	M	S
(L)	(L)	(L)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(O)	(O)	(O)	FORM #			LAT INFO				
(*)	(*)	(*)				M		S		
(S)	(S)	(S)	(0)	(0)		A	B	A	B	
			(1)	(1)		(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	
			(2)	(2)		(2)	(A)	(2)	(A)	
			(3)	(3)		(3)		(3)		
			(4)	(4)		(4)		(4)		
			(5)	(5)		(5)		(5)		
			(6)	(6)						
				(7)						
				(8)						
				(9)						

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TAKS Individual Student Level Data File

- Results for TAKS/TAKS (Accommodated) English and Spanish, TAKS–M, and TAKS–Alt will be included on one student level data file.

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Foreign Exchange Student Waiver

The Foreign Exchange Student Waiver bubble does not appear on the grades 10 LAT ELA and the TAKS–M answer documents.

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Make-up Test Administrations

- TAKS grade 10 ELA and math
- TAKS grades 3–8 – reading and math
- TAKS–M grade 10 – ELA and math
- TAKS–M grades 3–8 – reading and math

Note: There is no separate grade 10 TAKS (Accommodated) ELA make-up booklet.

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Agency Use Field – TAKS

- Grade 10 during the 2002-2003 school year, a “0” must be gridded in column “D” and a “3” must be gridded in column “E” of the Agency Use field.
- Grade 10 during the 2003-2004 school year, a “0” must be gridded in column “D” and a “4” must be gridded in column “E” of the Agency Use field.
- Grade 10 during the 2004-2005 school year or after, a “0” must be gridded in column “D” and a “5” must be gridded in column “E” of the Agency Use field on the TAKS exit level answer document.
- The Agency Use Field should be used only for students who enrolled in a Texas public school for the first time in their junior or senior year.

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Agency Use Field – TAKS

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- Beginning with the October 2008 TAKS exit level retest administration, districts will no longer need to identify this information in the Agency Use field. The passing standard for all students with no grade 10 record on history will be defaulted to the Panel Recommended standard.

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Submission of Combined TAKS and TAKS-M Answer Documents

- For the same grade, submit all TAKS, TAKS (Accommodated), and LAT under the same campus group header; for grades 3-6, students that take English and students that take Spanish should be combined under the same header. Note: grade 10 ELA LAT (April) is submitted under a different header than the other April grade 10 answer documents.
- For TAKS-M, submit under a separate header from the combined TAKS documents
- The same header is used for both TAKS and TAKS-M

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TAKS/TAKS-M Precoding

- As in previous years, districts can supply a precode data file or use records from the fall PEIMS submission
- Because of combined answer documents, no longer need to differentiate English and Spanish on data file; will not need to hand grid Spanish testers if using PEIMS submission
- TAKS-M will use precoded labels; a TAKS-M precoded label will be provided for all students designated as special education
- For grade 3 and grade 10 and exit level ELA, only one precoded label will be supplied; use on TAKS or TAKS-M

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TAKS/TAKS-M Precoding

- Except for grade 6, the source of the April precoding is from the March submission of answer documents
- In April, districts will receive a TAKS-M precoded label for any student that was designated as special education in March
- In addition, districts will receive a TAKS precoded answer document/label in April for all students for which a TAKS-M document was submitted in March
- If the TAKS-M precoded label or TAKS answer document/label are not needed, they should be voided
- For TAKS grades 3, 5, 8, and 10, a precoded label or answer document will be provided for anyone gridded as “L” in March; use for reading/ELA LAT

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TELPAS Precoding

- As in previous years, districts can supply a precode data file or use records from the fall PEIMS submission
- If district supplied, submit records for all LEP students
- If testing online, only need to submit one file; file will be used for both answer documents/labels and to load into online system (only campus/grades designated to test online will be loaded). Also supply “class group” which will be used to group students in the online testing system
- If using PEIMS supplied, districts will receive a precoded answer document or label for each LEP student. If testing online, records will be loaded to the online testing system for campus/grades that were designated to test online

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TELPAS

- Grade clusters for 2008
 - K and 1 – “answer” sheet
 - Grade 2 – test book
 - Grade 3 – test book
 - Grades 4 & 5 – answer sheet
 - Grades 6 & 7 – answer sheet
 - Grades 8 & 9 – answer sheet
 - Grades 10 – 12 – answer sheet
- Must submit an “answer” sheet or test book for all students regardless of whether or not they test online or on paper

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TELPAS

For students who take the test online, the asterisk (*) needs to be marked in the “R” column of the SCORE CODE field of the paper answer document.

Grades 2–12

SCORE CODE			
L	S	W	R
			(A)
			(N)
(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
(EC)	(EC)	(EC)	(O)
			(*)
(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)

The asterisk indicates that students did not respond on the answer document because they were administered the test online.

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TELPAS

For both paper and online administrations, the holistic ratings for listening, speaking, and writing need to be indicated in the HR Code (formerly OP Code) section of the paper answer document. The Rater Info field must also be completed. These fields are not in the eMeasurement system.

Grades 2–12

HR Code				
L	(B)	(I)	(A)	(H)
S	(B)	(I)	(A)	(H)
W	(B)	(I)	(A)	(H)

RATER INFO	
A	B
(1)	(Y)
(2)	(N)
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	

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TELPAS

Important:

- For all online test administrations, be sure to complete the Years in U.S. Schools field on the paper answer document. This field is not in the eMeasurement system.
- The *2008 General Guide to Online Testing* has more information about completing score codes (Absent, Other, etc.) and other answer document fields for online administrations.