

State Assessment Conference December 5, 2017

Room 1

TEA Content Updates (8:30-9:45 a.m.)

This session will focus on the latest updates to STAAR testing. Information about English language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, and grade 3-5 Spanish assessments will be included.

TELPAS (9:50-10:50 a.m.)

This session will provide participants with information on updates to the TELPAS program beginning with the 2018 administration. Participants will also receive the most current information about the spring 2018 TELPAS Listening and Speaking administration. Participants will have time to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

Scoring & Reporting (10:55–11:45 a.m.)

This session provides an overview of the STAAR scoring and reporting system. Presenters will explain changes. A Q & A session will follow the presentation.

Testing Procedures & Security (1:00-2:00 p.m.)

This session will focus on current test security policies and procedures, as well as the most prevalent security issues observed during prior testing administrations. Attendees will learn how to discern between different kinds of testing incidents, conduct effective investigations, submit concise testing irregularity reports, and make accurate determinations about the events relating to testing incidents.

Let DMAC Do the Work for You (2:05-3:05 p.m.)

Let us share how to use DMAC in you campus! The web-based applications provided by DMAC exist to supply Texas educators with state-of-the-art tools and services necessary to develop and improve the quality of education provided to students. We will focus on how to use the reports and applications, State Assessment and TEKScore, for all state and local assessments.

TELPAS (3:10-4:10 p.m.)

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Room 2

Accountability (8:30-9:45 a.m.)

This session will provide the latest information on the 2018 A-F state accountability system and the requirements of federal accountability.

Accessibility (9:50-10:50 a.m.)

This session will cover 2018 STAAR accessibility policy, including guidelines for using technology-based accommodations. Presenters will also provide an overview of the accommodation request process for designated supports requiring TEA approval. The presentation will end with an overview of accessibility resources available on the TEA website and audience questions.

Data to Inform Instruction (10:55-11:45 a.m.)

This session will provide participants with an overview of accountability, assessment, and local data disaggregation strategies to make powerful instructional decisions.

The Power of Focused Writing (1:00-2:00 p.m.)

In an era in which the cellphone has markedly changed the way we communicate, the importance of focused academic writing across grade levels is often under-appreciated or devalued. In this session, participants will learn how to create focused, powerful writing activities aligned with state standards with can significantly impact student growth in not just writing, but in other core subject areas as well.

Texas Gateway Walkthrough (2:05-3:05 p.m.)

This session will provide a walkthrough of the Texas Gateway website. Showing resources and courses that are provided free of charge to educators.

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