

TSNAP Teleconference Agenda

June 15, 2006, 9:00 - Noon

HOUSEKEEPING – Roll call by Steve Peterson, ESC Region 20
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TSNAP SECTION – Vicki Thomas, 2006 TSNAP President

Welcome, Introductions, and Membership Call: Applications at www.tsnap.com

Texas Assessment Conference Dates

Upcoming School Year: December 11-13, 2006 Austin Hilton Hotel

Future dates	December 2-5, 2007	December 6-9, 2009
	December 7-10, 2008	December 5-8, 2010

New call for more TAC presenters----sessions from small and medium districts as well as 'how-to sessions'; deadline passed but session proposals will still be accepted until

Fall Training Academy Schedule for 2006 (Site: Pearson Plant in Austin)

- New Test Coordinators Academy - Sept. 12th or 13th, 2006
- Not-So-New Test Coordinators Academy – Sept. 26th or 27th, 2006
- Call for TSNAP helpers

TETN MODERATOR – Sandra Poth, 2003 TSNAP President

TEA SECTION – Lisa Chandler and TEA Staff

UPDATE ON TEA STAFFING (if needed)

STATE TESTING CALENDARS/SCHEDULING
2006-2007 Calendar revisions

FIELD TEST

Update on Field Testing---explanation of the sampling/selection method

End of Course online field-testing—define 'mandatory'

ELL ASSESSMENTS

Discuss results of May 31 TETN as they relate to changes planned for TOP

Results of the TOP Writing Collection audit if available or timeline to receive report

Could we get the TOP Rater information in a data file so that it can imported directly into the district computer system instead of working from a PDF file (to save time)?

Could LAT Math be the same test as the TAKS to reduce another version?

DYSLEXIA BUNDLED ACCOMMODATIONS

Update on dyslexia bundled accommodations, i.e.: When will we hear if the DBA will be added to Grade 6 & above for ARD committees developing IEPs?

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Update on Special Education assessments including anything to update on TAKS-Alt

Management of TAKS-Alt---do you expect that all the support comes through district testing coordinators as with TOP?

Is there a way that we could get guidance or a more specific definition of 'on grade level' or 'approximately-on-level' so that all districts adhere to the same standard during placement?

ONLINE TESTING TOPICS

Update on scheduling of the Louisiana GEE Online testing program

Could we find out how much space (as in how many characters/lines of text) a student can write on his/her Open Ended Responses and Composition when done online? Teachers would like this information.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

How will actions in the Special Session affect Student Assessment/Testing?

SECURITY UPDATE

Missing booklets reports received by numerous districts--discuss the goal of this process

Caveon Test Security report discussion

Is there a way that districts could monitor and/or access the status of their incident reports throughout the year to avoid calling TEA and Pearson so much?

NAEP IN 2007

Update of this project and scope of Texas involvement

PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES/REWARDS

Could TEA provide guidance about what is acceptable and what is not since some districts are doing various activities and providing rewards that we thought were prohibited?

COMMISSIONER'S RULES ON TESTING TRAINING

Explanation of the goal/purpose of this set of rules posted in the Texas Register

PEARSON SECTION – Walter Sherwood and Pearson Staff

Updates related to communication concerns, i.e., phone system

Records changes—it takes a long time to get new labels for Exit Level changes. To facilitate this process, could we get a file and upload this?

Preliminary rosters posted online need summary data so that, at the district level, we don't have to do a 'hand count' to produce district-level reports for campuses.

Is there a way to download the entire district set of rosters/files at one time instead of having to click through a list of campuses one-by-one?

Is there a way to get some booklet cover design changes that would help districts and campuses keep the EXIT Primary and Re-tests separated since this is very confusing.

Is there a way to consider having one TAKS-I answer document, especially for Grades 10 and Exit, instead of one for each test?

OTHER TOPICS IF TIME PERMITS