Summary of STAAR Accommodation Changes for 2018

I. Overview of Policy Changes/Updates
   a. New and updated online embedded supports and tools
   b. Dictionaries for reading and writing no longer a designated support, part of the STAAR Dictionary Policy now
   c. Projection devices and amplification devices moved to accessibility features
   d. Authority for decision for math manipulatives and supplemental aids has been expanded to include additional campus level teams (e.g., RTIs)
   e. Photocopy
   f. Spring, 2017 STAAR exams are now available as practice tests in the online system

II. Accessibility Features
   a. Added sticky notes added to the online system
   b. Added use of amplification devices
   c. Added use of projection devices

III. Designated Supports – Locally Approved
   a. Content and language supports have been combined into one online embedded support
   b. Spelling assistance is now available as an online embedded support
   c. Dictionaries for reading and writing in grades 3-5 are no longer a designated support, part of the STAAR Dictionary Policy now
   d. STAAR Calculator Policy now includes the use of calculators for grade 8 science
   e. Authority for decision for math manipulatives and supplemental aids has been expanded to include additional campus level teams (e.g., RTIs)
   f. Photocopy no longer an individual support, but has been included within other policy documents (Large print, Other).
   g. “GA” accommodation bubble on answer documents changed to “DS”

IV. Designated Supports – Requiring TEA Approval
   a. No more “Photocopy” as designated supports that requires an ARF.
   b. If a student needs photocopies because he/she requires a print larger than what the state provides, then follow instructions in the General Instructions for Administering Large-Print State Assessments document, located on the TEA’s Accommodation Resources webpage.
   c. If a student needs photocopies for any other reason, then an “Other” accommodation request must be submitted.