

## Q&A from the Kickoff for Assessments webinar

Note that some of the questions have been added to the [TSDS FAQs](#) section

	Question	Answer
1	How will the LEAs be chosen for each year of the TSDS roll-out?	The ESCs are nominating LEAs for particular rollout years. TEA is currently working through the lists of nominees and will publish the LEA/Implementation date list in August 2013.
2	Will any of the aggregated data (such as school averages) be available to the public, or only to the LEA that uploaded the data?	The aggregated data will only be available to the LEA. So for example a Math teacher at the LEA will only see relevant Math data and will not be privy to English results. It should be noted that the aggregated can be exported and/or printed from the studentGPS™ Dashboards.
3	On what devices/platforms will the system work?	The TSDS studentGPS™ Dashboards will function on Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, FireFox, Safari. Many teachers in the LPR (Limited Production Release pilot) districts have reported that they actually use their iPads to access the studentGPS™ Dashboards.
4	What types of formats will be supported for upload into the system (e.g., Excel, .csv, etc.)	The files loaded into TSDS must be in XML format. TEDS Section 7 provides the xsd schemas. The two schemas relevant to Assessment vendors are:  InterchangeAssessmentMetadata InterchangeStudentAssessment  Please see <a href="#">TEDS Section 7</a>
5	How will someone access the recorded session?	Please click the link below to access the recorded webinar session. It should be noted that you will have to register for this event to view the recording.  <a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/852184722">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/852184722</a>
6	Is there a common template for each type of assessment? For example is there a template that all schools will use for the SAT?	Yes, there is one standard XML template. Please refer to <a href="#">TEDS Section 7</a> .
7	Does TSDS provide the template? or does the vendor submit a template for their assessment?	Yes, TEA supplies the XML template. Please refer to <a href="#">TEDS Section 7</a> .
8	Do all students already have a unique ID?	Most students have already been assigned a Unique ID as part of the Unique ID rollout in March 2013.
9	Is there a path to provide data directly to TSDS from vendor instead of via the LEA DTU?	The data to be loaded into TSDS will be submitted by the LEA or ESC. TSDS does not have the security and other infrastructure in place at this time to permit data to be submitted by the vendors directly.
10	Where may I ask for more information based on this webinar?	Please send an email to: <a href="mailto:TSDSCustomerSupport@tea.state.tx.us">TSDSCustomerSupport@tea.state.tx.us</a>