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Riverside Insights™ Partners with Texas Education Agency™ to Provide *Iowa Assessments™* for English Learner Reclassification

ITASCA, IL – December 19, 2019 – [Riverside Insights](#), a leading developer of research-based assessments that offer insights to help elevate potential, was selected by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as the sole provider for the Statewide Academic Achievement Test for English Learner (EL) Reclassification. Riverside Insights' *Iowa Assessments™* reading and language achievement tests will be used by TEA across the state of Texas for reclassifying EL students in grades 1, 2, 11, and 12 as English proficient.

The [Iowa Assessments](#) are evidence-based, psychometrically sound assessments that measure student achievement and growth. They provide an efficient test design with powerful reports, giving educators the information that they need in easy-to-understand formats. The core focus is on three distinct areas, which include: monitoring growth, gauging college and career readiness and evaluating student mastery of learning standards for grades K-12.

“Throughout our years of experience designing and delivering large-scale assessment programs, Riverside has always worked closely with state education departments and local school systems,” said Deval Clearwater, Vice President, Product Management, Marketing and International for Riverside Insights. “We’re honored to partner with TEA through our shared commitment of helping individuals elevate their learning potential from early childhood through their academic journeys and for the rest of their lives.”

Call to action for measurable results

TEA placed a Request for Proposal (RFP) earlier this year with a goal to replace its *Commissioner’s List of Approved Tests* with a single, statewide assessment for EL reclassification, effective in the 2019-2020 school year. This move comes per requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), as articulated in the Title III, Part A section of the Texas ESSA State Plan, and pursuant to Texas Education Code (TEC) §29.056(g)(2) and Title 19, Texas Administrative Code ([TAC](#)), [§ 89.1226](#).

Teachers and administrators are encouraged by TEA to follow a series of steps to begin the *Iowa Assessments* implementation process. Visit www.riverside-assessments.com/texas-assessment to learn more information and download resources, including an introduction letter that provides first steps for a successful implementation.

About Riverside Insights

Riverside Insights, one of the nation's leading and most longstanding developers of research-based assessments, is led by a powerful mission: to provide insights that help elevate potential. Through its portfolio of proven and precise assessment solutions, Riverside Insights offers the clarity and perspective needed to unlock individual potential, create opportunities to thrive and enrich the lives of students, clinical patients and employees/companies.

For more information about the company and *Iowa Assessments*, visit www.riversideinsights.com.

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