TerraNova/SUPERA Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do students have answer sheets?  
   No, the student’s answers will be scanned from the book.

2. Q: Can students write on the test?  
   It is recommended that students use scratch paper, however, students can write on the test, but not around the answer choice bubbles or over the side ticking marks.

3. Are we administering the Complete Battery for TerraNova?  
   Only Reading parts 1 and 2, and Math parts 1 and 2. Science, Social Studies, Spelling and Vocabulary are not being administered.

4. Is there an exemption from TerraNova/SUPERA for students who are new to the country (enrolled this school year). Is the exemption for both Reading and Math?  
   The exemption for newcomer students can be for one or both subjects. The LPAC would meet and document that decision during an official LPAC meeting. See Appendix G

5. For Sped/504 students who receive oral administration, can test administrators read the questions to the student?  
   Oral administration is not available for Reading. It is only available for math for eligible SPED/504 students per IEP. Questions and Answers may be read.

6. What is the general rule for opt ins and TerraNova? Is it the language of instruction with NO accommodations, and per LPAC?  
   Per MLEP, the general rule is that the default is English, and any change is an LPAC decision. The LPAC decisions seem to align with the language of instruction, however they will differ from student to student regardless of language of instruction. No accommodations are available for opt-in students.

7. Can a teacher translate a word per student request for TerraNova?  
   No, translation is not allowed. Campuses should determine if SUPERA is a better assessment. Please follow the recommendation of the LPAC committee.

8. Are supplemental aids & math manipulatives allowable for IEP/504, or students who have accommodations listed based on SSI/MTSS in MyData Portal?  
   No, only Sped/504 accommodations for Oral Administration and Extra Time for Math and those listed on the Guidelines for English Learners found in Appendix G may be used. Any other accommodations would invalidate the norms.

9. What are the group sizes for TerraNova/SUPERA?  
   The class size must be at least ten per room. Please note the early childhood guidelines are not applicable to TerraNova/SUPERA testing.

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10. Can Instructional Coaches help (Test Administrator or Hall Monitor) the assessment?  
   Please follow the administration rules for STAAR and ACP regarding instructional coaches administering tests in their content areas.

11. Can teachers test their own students for Terranova/SUPERA?  
   Teachers must be switched based on EK policy.

12. According to the test coordinator manual, we must have test administrators to review the test administrator directions manuals. Can we make copies if we need additional manuals?  
   Copies CAN NOT be made. If additional manuals are needed, please order additional manuals from the Service Center.

13. Can opt-in students be given SUPERA for reading?  
   For opt-in regarding SUPERA consult with the LPAC Chair you must follow LEP paperwork.

14. Can any student test below grade level?  
   No, Only SPED students can test below grade level if indicted in their IEP. Student’s may test off level in one content but not another. However, it must be all parts of the content. For example, a student may not take Math Part I off level but Math part II on level.

15. Can test administrators view the test admin manual during the campus training session if monitored by campus test coordinator to "become thoroughly familiar"?  
   Yes, test administrators CAN view the test admin manual in only a monitored setting to become thoroughly familiar." Test administrators should only view the grade level they are testing, not their own grade level.

16. Do STAAR alt students participate in the Terranova/SUPERA? Does the IEP need to say that they will not participate in the Terranova/SUPERA test?  
   Please follow the IEP. The ARD committee should determine if the student is capable of successfully testing.

17. Will highlighters affect student labels? Can I mark student labels to ensure they are affixed to the correct book?  
   Highlighters are not recommended for use.

18. Can we break up the Reading and Language Arts test for TerraNova?  
   No, it is a combined test. Follow the manual’s recommended times for testing.

19. Are there separate student labels for TerraNova and SUPERA?  
   Yes, there are separate labels. ** Test administrators should write the student names on the book, and labels should not be adhered to student books until AFTER testing. If you make a mistake you must place two blank labels over the incorrect label and then affix a new label on the booklet.

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