STAAR Testing and SpecialicSTAAR L is an online version of the general STAAR test. The online interface contains embedded
linguistic supports designed to provide ELLs access to the test questions.
Students Served by Special Education
Educational decisions, including decisions related to testing for graduation and SSI requirements, for
students served by Special Education are made by the ARD committee. These students may not be
exempted from participation in the state tests. However, ARD committees may decide not to hold them
to retest requirements.
Students served by Special Education may be eligible to take STAAR A. The most severely disabled
students in this group may be eligible to take STAAR Alternate 2, an assessment designed for students
with significant cognitive disabilities that is based on alternate standards.
Students Served Under Section 504
504 Committees make decisions related to accommodations both during instruction and state
assessments for students served under Section 504. These students are subject to the same graduation
and SSI testing requirements as are all other students in the general education program. Students
served under Section 504 who are also diagnosed with dyslexia may be eligible to participate in STAAR
A.
English Language Learners
Decisions regarding instruction and assessment of ELLs are made by the LPAC. In most cases, ELLs are essments in their first year
in U.S. schools. All ELLs in grades K–