Student-teacher linkages are expected for **all courses for which there is a STAAR/EOC exam in grades 4 and higher** and for **all teachers responsible for teaching language acquisition measured by the TELPAS exam in grades 3–8**. These student-teacher linkages are used in calculating teacher-level Comparative Growth reports.

**Campus Setup Period** (Principals/Support Team Members): *Begins April 20*
**Linkage and Verification Period** (Teachers): *April 27–May 15*
**Principal Review and Approval Period** (Principals/Support Team Members): *May 18–22*

The following resources are available on the AIM portal at [http://portal.battelleforkids.org/HISD_AIM/linkage-verification/resources](http://portal.battelleforkids.org/HISD_AIM/linkage-verification/resources):

**Principals/Support Team Members:**
- **Checklist:** A brief, one-page document geared toward principals and support team members describing the major dates and tasks to be accomplished throughout the linkage period.
- **User Guide:** An extensive guide geared toward principals and support team members describing in detail the various tools in the linkage system that will need to be used in order to accomplish the tasks of the linkage period.
- **PowerPoint Slides:** Provides an overview of the linkage process for principals and support team members by showing selected screen shots of the online tool.

**Teachers:**
- **Checklist:** A brief, one-page document geared toward teachers describing the major dates and tasks to be accomplished during the Teacher Linkage Period.
- **User Guide:** An extensive guide geared toward teachers describing in detail the various tools in the linkage system that will need to be used in order to accomplish the tasks of the Teacher Linkage Period.
- **PowerPoint Slides:** Provides an overview of the linkage process for teachers by showing selected screen shots of the online tool.

**Campus-Based Documents:**
- **Expected Linkages:** Explains the courses and grade levels for which linkages are expected.
- **Linkage FAQ’s:** Frequently asked questions, including special cases and explanations of various teacher roles.
- **Important Dates and Major Tasks:** Outlines the major dates and tasks required during the linkage period.
- **Linkage Course Listing:** Lists all courses district-wide for which linkage is required and for which rosters were created/loaded to the AIM portal.

If you have any other questions about the linkage process, please email research@houstonisd.org.