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Some assessment solutions are listed here, including non-commercial ones you can download and use (you'll need to setup Moodle but that's not TOO hard)  
<http://mguhlin.net/share/index.php?n=WorkshopNotes.Teaatspringtecsig2008#toc6>  
(thanks to Kari Rhame from Deer Park ISD for sharing!)

Another noncommercial option was confirmed by TEA via an email and shared on the TEC-SIG list earlier:

The Technology Applications instructional materials can be used in the various content areas. There should be evaluation activities as a part of the lessons. The scores made on these activities--tied to the Technology Applications TEKS--can definitely be used to support a "technology literacy" proficiency grade.

Even though we could have used one of the NC options above, my district opted to use the InfoSource Learning's SimpleAssessment. We're using it right now with our 9th graders. It is a commercial assessment available at no cost...I would move quickly to contact them if you're going to use them; I was told timeline was 2 weeks if you send them your list of 8th graders now...this is nation-wide, so they're seeing a lot of activity. My district's internal deadline is to get assessments completed by no later than October 31st.

Brian Cahill (Email: [bcahill@infosourcelearning.com](mailto:bcahill@infosourcelearning.com)) is my contact there. His response about alignment to TA:TEKS--which came up in the TETN yesterday--now appears here:  
<http://mguhlin.net/share/index.php?n=WorkshopNotes.TETNNCLBAdmin091508>

Of course, if you haven't done ANY assessments for TA:TEKS, that's not an option. My recommendation is to use SimpleAssessment is the best, no-cost solution at this point, followed by using Moodle. But if you have money, then you can use Learning.com solution that was used for the pilot.

Best wishes,

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