



A PARENT GUIDE TO TEXAS ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (TELPAS)

WHAT?

- The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) assesses the English language proficiency of English Learners (ELs) in Kindergarten through grade 12 in four language areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- TELPAS reports student performance in four levels: beginning, intermediate, advanced, and advanced high.
- These results are used in accountability and performance measures for the district and to support teachers in planning for instruction.

WHO?

- All Students in grades K-12 that have been identified as an emergent bilingual (EB) student are required to take TELPAS. This includes EB students whose parents have declined bilingual or English as a Second Language (ESL) program services.

HOW?

- In grades K-1, TELPAS includes holistically-rated listening, speaking, reading, and writing assessments based on ongoing classroom observations and student interactions.
- In grades 2-12, TELPAS includes online reading - writing and listening - speaking tests. The TELPAS reading test and listening and speaking test are designed especially for students who do not speak English as their first language.

WHEN?

- TELPAS Window for testing is February 19 - March 29, 2024
- Your campus Testing Coordinator and your English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher are making plans for the testing at your child's campus.
- The testing will occur on 2 separate days.
- Students will stop participating in TELPAS when their language proficiency assessment committee (LPAC) determines that they are proficient in the English language and have met exit criteria. This applies to all EB students, even those who are not in a bilingual or ESL program. Once a student has met the state's exit criteria, they will no longer be identified as an EB student and will not have to participate in TELPAS.

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Supporting Emergent
Bilingual Students in Texas
<http://txel.org/SupportingChild>



TELPAS FAQs
<https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/2020-2021telpasfaq.pdf>