



Dear Parents and Guardians,

English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades K-12, including parent denials are required to be assessed through the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS). The Texas Education Agency developed TELPAS to meet state and federal testing requirements for assessing the English language proficiency of ELLs in four language domains: listening, speaking, reading and writing. TELPAS assesses the Texas English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS), which are part of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

The assessment components for grades K–1 and 2–12 differ in the following ways:

- Grades K–1: Holistically rated listening, speaking, reading, and writing assessments based on ongoing classroom observations and student interactions.
- Grades 2–12: Online reading and listening and speaking tests and holistically rated student writing collections

For these assessments, teachers are trained to use proficiency level descriptors to determine the English language proficiency levels of students.

Our school will assess students between February 17, 2026 and March 27, 2026. If a student is absent on the day of testing, a make-up test will be administered before March 27, 2026.

Additional information about TELPAS can be found by accessing the following website:  
[www.tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/ell/telpas](http://www.tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/ell/telpas)

Sincerely,

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