

Parent Guide to the ELPT

What is the ELPT?

Students who have been identified as English Learners (ELs) enrolled in grades K-12 take the English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT). This online assessment is untimed, and measures a student's English proficiency in the four language domains:

Reading Writing Speaking Listening

The ELPT is used to measure progress, to encourage reclassification relative to grade-appropriate performance, and to determine which school systems are meeting accountability goals for ELs. Results from the ELPT will be used to determine a student's level of English proficiency and to decide which language services and supports the student will need to fully participate in core content classes. ELs take this assessment until they achieve a rating of "Proficient". A student is "Proficient" when they attain a level of English-language skill necessary to independently produce, interpret, collaborate on and succeed in grade-level, content-related academic tasks in English.

Even those students who have refused participation in an EL program are required to take the ELPT. Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities may be eligible to take the ELPT Connect. Refer to the [ELPT Connect Parent Guide](#) for more information.

When will students take the test?

The online testing window opens February 23, 2026 and closes March 27, 2026. All testing must occur within the testing window, but each school determines the schedule for administering the tests during this window.

When will the results be available?

Schools will receive results in May. Each school system will decide how to share this information with parents and students. View the [Parent Guide to the ELPT Student Reports](#) to learn more about these results and why they matter for your child.

How can parents help prepare students for the ELPT?

- Ask your child and their teacher about daily lessons.
- Attend parent engagement events and conferences offered by your child's school.
- Monitor your child's progress.
- Schedule time to talk with your child's teacher about areas of concern.
- Access the LDOE's [English Learners \(ELs\) webpage](#) for additional resources.

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