



Alternate Assessment / CAAELP 11/19/21 Webinar Chat Questions

- 1. When will the new alternate assessment be available?** *In February of 2023, ADE will be administering an Operational Field Test for Alt ELPA. Scores will be produced and available for schools to use.*
- 2. Who will participate in the field test?** *All eligible students in grades Kindergarten through 12th Grade will participate. Note: ADE will also be participating in a Pilot of the Alt ELPA in Winter/Spring of 2022. LEAs will be asked to volunteer.*
- 3. Will the assessment assess all language domains?** *Yes. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing will be assessed. The new alternate ELP Standards are interactive and focus on the modalities of receptive and productive communication.*
- 4. Please describe the operational field test.** *Field tests gather information on individual test items and general test administration and are used for standard setting to set performance levels. An operational field test combines the benefits of field tests while still generating student scores and is typically used in the first year of a brand-new assessment. This means that students will not be required to take both an operational assessment and the field tests in the same year.*

The Alt ELPA operational field test will look similar to what we expect of the operational test. The test will be administered online using Cambium's testing platform. Items will consist of all four domains: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Students will use the accommodations and universal features determined by the IEP teams. An Alt ELPA Accessibility Manual and training will be posted on the Alt ELPA and ADE webpage soon. The Alt ELPA will report at the modality level (receptive and productive) with domain level sub scores and an overall proficiency score. More information to come!

- 5. Is the assessment a placement test, reassessment test, or both?** *The new Alt ELPA will be a Reassessment only. CAAELP is investigating the development of an alternate screener or alternate placement assessment.*
- 6. Will students continue to take the placement AZELLA?** *For the long term, this is to be determined. ADE is investigating options with CAAELP for the development of an alternate screener or alternate placement assessment.*
- 7. How do we sign up if we want to participate in the pilot? When do we need to sign up? When is the pilot happening?** *The pilot is taking place February – March of 2022. If you are interested, please reach out to the Alternate Assessment Inbox - AssessingSWDs@azed.gov. The deadline to sign up for participation in the Pilot is December 15, 2021.*
- 8. Would this assessment be, for example, for a student that has Down's Syndrome with limited cognitive abilities and is non-verbal? Would it be for a student with a learning disability?** *The Alt ELPA will be for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who are also English Learners as defined by state/federal guidelines.*

- 9. When will this roll out as an official test?** *In Spring of 2023, ADE will use this assessment as an operational field test, and LEAs will be able to use this assessment as our Statewide Alternate ELP Assessment.*
- 10. Would volunteers be exempt from the AZELLA Reassessment?** *Volunteers for the Pilot will not be exempt from the AZELLA Reassessment.*
- 11. When do you expect to have Arizona guidelines available for the Alt ELPA?** *The CAAELP participation criteria is currently posted on the CAAELP Website: <https://altelpa.org/resources/> under Participation Guidelines. ADE will be working to incorporate this into our State Assessment Eligibility Criteria Form no later than next summer. We will notify DTCs when the State Assessment Eligibility Criteria document has been updated. We will also notify DTCs when the Alt ELPA accommodations have been incorporated into our State accessibility manual.*

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