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Friday Focus Webinar – Alt ELPA November 3, 2023

When is the Alt ELPA Placement Test expected to be available?

ADE is still having conversations about what will be possible. More information will be sent to Alternate Assessment Test Coordinators when updates are available.

Will hard copies of Alt ELPA score reports be sent to districts, or should districts print them?

ADE sends two copies of all Alt ELPA student reports. These reports should be at LEAs within the next two weeks.

When will students who participated in Alt ELPA be removed from the LEA Reason report?

Students who completed the Alt ELPA were removed from the LEA Reason report on 11/09/2023.

How will reclassification transactions be entered in student information systems since we are in a new school year?

If a student who was placed into an EL Program at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year was administered an Alt ELPA in Spring of 2023, and the student received an Overall Proficiency Level of Proficient on the Alt ELPA, simply delete the EL Program transaction in your student information system for the student.

One can NOT utilize the EL Program Exit Reason of Reclassified Fluent English Proficient for a student who received an Overall Proficiency Level of Proficient on the Alt ELPA last year school year, because a student who technically does not qualify for EL Program Services this school year cannot be exited.

Please note that ADE Accountability utilizes the Overall Proficiency Level of Proficient on the AZELLA and the Alt ELPA to calculate reclassification rates. It does NOT utilize the EL Program Exit Reason of Reclassified Fluent English Proficient on the EL71 – EL Program Participation Report to calculate reclassification rates.

Will Alt ELPA scores count toward SY 2023-2024 A-F points for EL growth and proficiency since they were not awarded in A-F points for the 2022-2023 school year?

Please contact the Accountability team at Achieve@azed.gov for information on the impacts of Alt ELPA scores on letter grades.

Is there an ADE EL report that will show the students that were administered the Alt ELPA (for example, EL 70, EL 73)? What is the timeline for this?

As of 11/8/2023, Alt ELPA results are showing in the EL70 and EL72 Reports. Students who received a less than proficient Overall Proficiency Level on the Alt ELPA are also included on the EL73 Report.



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Do test administrators access the Alt ELPA test through Cambium?

Test administrators and test coordinators access Alt ELPA through TIDE, which is in the Cambium Portal at <https://az.portal.cambiumast.com/>.

Will the training in November/December for test administrators cover how to access and administer the test? Where will test administrators access instructions?

Instructions for using the TIDE platform are available in the User Guides (available at <https://az.portal.cambiumast.com/resources>) or by clicking the “Help” button on the top of any screen in TIDE.

When was the Parental Notification and Consent form for students with cognitive disabilities released? For this year, is it ok that we used the original parent notification form?

The Alt ELPA PNC was posted in the OELAS web page in October 2023. An updated version of the form was posted on 11/9/2023. The Alt ELPA PNC form is available in English and Spanish. It is acceptable to have sent out the “regular” PNC for this first administration. OELAs and Assessment provided the [OELAS and Alternate Assessment Memo -Alt ELPA and ELP Reports](#) on November 15, 2023.

The new [Parental Notification and Consent form](#) only has Emerging and Progressing as Overall Proficiency Level. Should Proficient also be on the form?

The Parental Notification and Consent form is provided to parents to inform them of the English learner status and services offered. Students who are determined Proficient are no longer ELs and will not be receiving EL services. Please use the Reclassification Letter to inform parents when students are proficient.

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