

TELPAS

TELPAS assesses the English language proficiency of K–12 ELLs in four language domains—listening, speaking, reading, and writing. English language proficiency assessments in grades K–12 are federally required to evaluate the progress that ELLs make in becoming proficient in the use of academic English.

Since the inception of the proficiency level descriptors or PLDs in 2003, teachers have been trained in the use of this holistic rating system to determine their students' English proficiencies. The descriptors in the ELPS are the same as those found in TELPAS.

Understanding the PLDs will serve as a guide and a framework for how to instruct your students and support them in achieving higher levels of proficiency in English.