

→ PARENT GUIDE TO ELPT CONNECT ←

As schools and students begin their final preparations for the Alternate English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT Connect), the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) created this fact sheet to provide parents with general information about the test, and what you and your child can expect when taking the test.



KNOW THE TEST

ALTERNATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST: ELPT CONNECT

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

- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Writing
- ✓ Speaking
- ✓ Listening

The ELPT Connect assesses the English-language proficiency of students with significant cognitive disabilities who meet the participation criteria for ELs as they progress from year to year. The ELPT Connect draws upon emerging technologies and innovative methods to measure progress, to encourage reclassification relative to grade-appropriate performance, and determine which school systems are meeting accountability goals for ELs.

Results 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 attain a level of English-language skill necessary to produce, interpret, collaborate on and succeed in grade-level academic tasks in English.

Even those students who have refused participation in an EL program are required to take ELPT Connect.



ONLINE TESTING SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 13-MARCH 24, 2023

Schools determine the schedule for administering the online tests during this window; therefore, testing days and session rotations will vary by school.



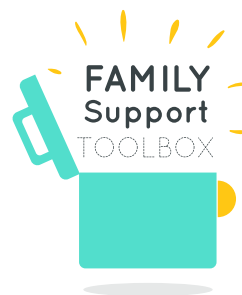
PREPARE FOR THE TEST

KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING

To find out the learning expectations for your student's grade level, take a look at the [Alternate Louisiana Connectors for English Learners](#). The Alternate Louisiana Connectors for English Learners provide a connection between language and academic content acquisition. The Alt. EL Connectors highlight and amplify the critical aspects of language, knowledge about language, and skills using language needed by ELs as they develop competencies in each course of study. The Alt. EL Connectors allow students to participate in the same academic content and curriculum as native English speakers by providing opportunities to take on reading, writing, mathematics, and science activities while developing language necessary for each subject and to effectively participate in the classroom.

Other ways to help your child includes:

- Visiting your local library and borrowing audiobooks.
- Attending parent-teacher conferences at your child's school.
- Watching television or listening to music in English.



FOR ONLINE ACCESS TO ALL ASSESSMENT RESOURCES, visit the Family Support Toolbox at

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/family-support-toolbox>

USEFUL LINKS

- **Alternate Louisiana Connectors for English Learners:** <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/students-with-disabilities/alternate-louisiana-connectors-for-english-learners.pdf>
- **ELPT Connect Online Tools Training:** <https://la.portal.cambiumast.com/>

For more information about this or any other statewide assessment, talk to your child's principal or teacher, or email the Department at assessment@la.gov.