



Alt ELPA Cut Scores

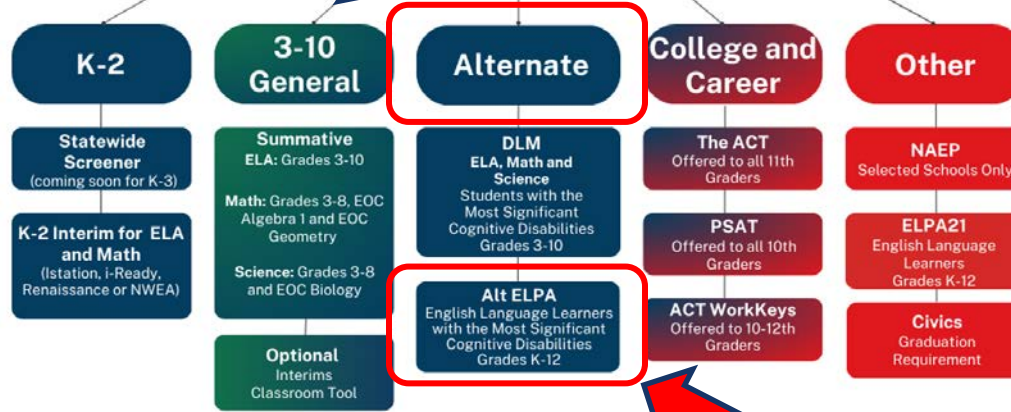
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Alt ELPA Development

- Arkansas is part of the Collaborative for the Alternate Assessment of English Language Proficiency ([CAAELP](#)), comprised of Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Iowa, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Oregon, and West Virginia, funded by a 4-year, \$7.8M grant from the U.S. Department of Education.
- The development of the Alt ELPA meets the requirement to have an assessment designed for this specific population, dually-identified English Learner **AND** students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

Alt ELPA Concept

- Summative assessment designed to fairly and validly measure the English language proficiency of English Learners with the most significant cognitive disabilities
- In compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015
- Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who are identified as English Learners are eligible to, and required to, participate in annual Alt ELPA testing.
- The assessment measures:
 - **Receptive modality**, *listening and reading*, and
 - **Productive modality**, *speaking and writing*.

Alt ELPA Description

- The Alt ELPA is delivered online, incorporating technology-enhanced items that allow students to indicate their responses in ways that are most accessible to their needs.
- The Alt ELPA assessment measures four domains: ***Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing***
- The Alt ELPA assessment is administered to all grades K-12.
- The Alt ELPA has 3 overall proficiency determination categories: ***Proficient, Progressing, and Emerging***

Cut Scores Tables

- Based on the field test results and the Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs), the following tables contain the recommended cut scores for the Receptive and Productive Modes.
- The Assessment Office requests State Board approval so that these cut scores may be applied to the Operational Year 1 Alt ELPA.
- The “[Alt ELPA: Embedded Standard Setting \(ESS\) and Cut Score Development Executive Summary](#)” explains the process that was used to arrive at these cut scores. *(This link is also attached to the Board agenda.)*

Alt ELPA Receptive Modality Cut Scores K-12

Grade	Receptive Modality (Listening and Reading)							
	L1		L2		L3		L4	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
KG	0	61	62	70	71	82	83	99
1	0	56	57	64	65	83	84	99
2	0	50	51	60	61	79	80	99
3	0	55	56	65	66	82	83	99
4	0	38	39	51	52	83	84	99
5	0	44	45	57	58	86	87	99
6	0	33	34	42	43	79	80	99
7	0	34	35	44	45	80	81	99
8	0	35	36	45	46	80	81	99
9	0	35	36	46	47	82	83	99
10	0	35	36	46	47	82	83	99
11	0	35	36	46	47	82	83	99
12	0	35	36	46	47	82	83	99



Alt ELPA Productive Modality Cut Scores K-12

Grade	Productive Modality (Speaking and Writing)							
	L1		L2		L3		L4	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
KG	0	73	74	83	84	91	92	99
1	0	67	68	82	83	94	95	99
2	0	61	62	80	81	87	88	99
3	0	66	67	83	84	89	90	99
4	0	41	42	72	73	80	81	99
5	0	48	49	77	78	84	85	99
6	0	41	42	64	65	83	84	99
7	0	42	43	66	67	84	85	99
8	0	44	45	67	68	85	86	99
9	0	49	50	67	68	76	77	99
10	0	49	50	67	68	76	77	99
11	0	49	50	67	68	76	77	99
12	0	49	50	67	68	76	77	99



A photograph of a teacher and several young students gathered around a table in a classroom. They are looking at a large map of Africa on the table. The teacher is pointing at the map, and the students are looking at it with interest. There are also some books and papers on the table. The image has a blue tint.

THANK YOU

The logo for ATLAS (Arkansas Teaching & Learning Assessment System). It features the word "ATLAS" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "A" is stylized to look like a red outline of the state of Arkansas with a green leaf on top.

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