

Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System

TELPAS Report 2017-18

Grades K through 1st

Category	# of Students	Beginning (1)	Intermediate (2)	Advanced (3)	Advanced High (4)
Listening	10	0	3	6	1
Speaking	10	0	3	4	3
Reading	10	0	3	5	2
Writing	10	1	4	3	2
Composite	10	0	3	5	2

Grades 2nd through 12th

Category	# of Students	Beginning (1)	Intermediate (2)	Advanced (3)	Advanced High (4)
Listening	29	0	3	10	16
Speaking	29	0	10	16	3
Reading	29	0	7	11	11
Writing	29	1	8	9	11
Composite	29	0	6	14	9

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. The assessment components for grades K–1 and 2–12 differ in the following ways:

- Grades K–1: TELPAS includes holistically rated listening, speaking, reading, and writing assessments based on ongoing classroom observations and student interactions.
- Grades 2–12: TELPAS includes online reading, listening, and speaking tests and holistically rated student writing collections.

English language proficiency tests in reading have been administered as part of the Texas Student Assessment Program since 1999–2000. The holistically rated assessments have been administered since 2003–2004. The online component for listening and speaking started in 2017-2018.

Comparison of data from previous years shows an increase in the number of students achieving Advanced High status in speaking and writing. The number of students at the Advanced High level in speaking has decreased from previous years, but this could be due to the change in TELPAS. Speaking was measured through an online assessment using headphones with a microphone during the 2017-18 school year; whereas, in previous years this was done through holistic teacher ratings.

During the 2017-18 school year, the district had 16 ESL certified teachers providing services to our ELL students. The district had 1 teacher who provided ESL services, but was added to the ESL waiver to remain within compliance. The district had a total of 24 ESL certified personnel.

During the 2018-19 school year, the district has 19 ESL certified teachers providing services to our ELL students. The district has 1 teacher who provides ESL services, who was added to the ESL waiver to remain within compliance. The district has a total of 28 ESL certified personnel.

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