

ELPA21 Fast Facts

**This is the information that we know as of right now.
We will be receiving additional information in January from
the state; as soon as we have that information we
will pass it on to you and your building.**

- The window as of right now is March 16-April 28 (the window may open earlier, we will know this in January).
- ELPA21 will NOT be delivered through the KITE system as previously stated; there is a pending contract with a company and the state will let us know how it will be delivered once the contract is signed.
- ELPA21 will still be a computerized test. The only paper/pencil portion is for Kindergarten and 1st grade for their writing section.
- All students, K-12, that are identified as ESL in our system will take ELPA21.
- There are 4 domains/sections:
 - Listening, speaking, reading, writing
 - The order is recommended for testing, but not required
 - Can give separately or all at once
 - Items include content at grade level: ELA, Math, and Science
- Test length:
 - Untimed
 - Recommended time for K-1 per domain/section is 15 minutes
 - Recommended time for 2-5 per domain/section is 20 minutes
 - Recommended time for middle and high school per domain/section is 30 minutes
- There are 5 levels of proficiency with a score of “4” being the target score. We don’t know if a “4” on KELPA is the same as a “4” on ELPA21 yet.

- Computerized scoring; except writing and speaking – scored by hand. As of right now, there will be a few scorers per state trained to score in late April/May.
- The district will purchase headphones with microphones. It is recommended to have “sets”, not one for each student.
- Rules and Regulations:
 - Need to take all 4 domains/sections
 - Can answer questions out of order
 - Number of listening replays – 2
 - Number of recording attempts – 2
 - Can pause a test for up to 20 minutes, after that need to be reactivated
- There will be a manual and test administration guidelines.
- There are sample items, not a lot, on the ELPA21 website:
www.ELPA21.org
- There will be demonstration tests with lesson plans, grade specific, in January (when the contract is finalized). Also there will be a training webinar by the state in January.