



CSDE 2022-23 English Learner Assessment Coordinator's Training





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ELAC Workshop Overview

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Critical Dates and Communications

Before Test Administration

- Creating Student Groups
- Accommodations
- Test Sessions

During Test Administration

- Environment
- Test Management
- Appeals

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Updates and Reminders for 2023



- Form F Operational Field Test
- Updated Test Administration Manual
- Updated DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide
- No Merging All four domains must be in the same test session
- No Test Ticket Swaps Regeneration of tests only
- On-Demand Reports not available during testing window



CT LAS Links Important Dates Testing Window January 3 - March 3, 2023

Event	Date
Outplaced students and DA lists to district	November 5, 2022
Training "Sandbox" access window	November 8, 2022- December 2, 2022
Test Session scheduling in DRC INSIGHT Portal open for ELACs	December 5, 2022
ELAC access to DRC portal for test scheduling and accommodations entry	December 5, 2022- March 3, 2023
Alternate Assessment Eligibility and Domain Exemption Registration	November 14, 2022- December 23, 2022
Accommodated/Paper Form Order Submission By December 16, 2022, for January 6, 2023, delivery By January 6 for January 13, 2023, delivery	December 16, 2022 or January 6, 2023
Final date to request completed District Accommodated/Paper Form UPS Pick-up to send to DRC for processing	February 17, 2023







Communications

All ELACs should receive the <u>Student Assessment News</u>, for critical assessment information. Register <u>here</u>.

Additional email communications from CSDE or DRC should be disseminated to appropriate staff including the District Administrator in TIDE (DA) and the Special Education Director.

For more information visit:

- CSDE EL/ML Web Page
- EdSight







Connecticut DRC LAS Links Website



Bookmark https://laslinks.com/connecticut-information/

 The Connecticut DRC LAS Links Website includes CT specific LAS Links information on test administration, training, technology, scoring and reporting



Connecticut DRC LAS Links Website



The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will be using the LAS Links Assessment for the ELP Assessments for all students in Grades K-12 for the 2021, 2022 and 2023 test administration. The CSDE believes that high-quality, comprehensive and effective English as a Second Language (ESL) and bilingual education programs are essential to acquire English language proficiency and academic proficiency for students who are English Learners (ELs). The CSDE believes that research-based instructional practices that support ELs in general education classrooms are essential while they are acquiring English and well after they have exited the intensive programs.



Participation Expectations

- Students in Grades K-12 identified as English learners/multilingual learners (ELs/MLs) participate between January 3 - March 3, 2023.
- Reporting Districts are responsible for testing ELs/MLs who are in PSIS who attend or are enrolled in:
 - Connecticut public schools;
 - In-state Approved Private Special Education Programs (APSEPs);
 - A Non-Approved Private School in Connecticut;
 - Judicial Centers;
 - Transition/Vocational Service Providers; and
 - Out-of-State schools.





Dually Identified Students Placed in APSEPs



- All identified students are expected to test. Special attention may be required for dually identified students based on access needs or placement.
- A list of students enrolled in APSEPs based on the PSIS collection will be provided to ELACs on **November 5**, **2022**, for planning and communication purposes. These students are included in the DRC Student Management System.
- ELACs will need to work closely with district staff to identify students placed outside the district. These students are included in the Student Management System and districts determine how these students will be tested.



APSEPs Test Session Set Up



Online testing of Form F OP FT is not allowed outside of Connecticut. **Out-of-state students must use an Accommodated/Paper Test form ordered by January 6, 2023.**

- APSEP students will be listed under "Outplaced Schools" in the Student Management System to access when creating rosters.
- CT users are encouraged to practice adding in-state students outplaced to APSEPs to test sessions in the DRC Training Sandbox open November 8 -December 2, 2022.

The DRC Training Sandbox reflects what users will see in their live accounts for associated "outplaced schools" based on PSIS.

District: Sales and Training District

o Site Code: 99998

School: CSDE OUTPLACED

o Site Code: 6199

There are 12 demo students, one for each grade in the DRC Training Sandbox.



Participation Expectations for Students Eligible for Alternate Assessments

Students who are dually identified (both an EL/ML and a student with disabilities) and determined by the Planning and Placement Team (PPT), using the Connecticut Alternate Assessment System Eligibility Form to participate in the Alternate Assessment System do not participate in the LAS Links assessment for the 2022-23 school year.

Incorrect participation will affect reporting and accountability.

The DA, SPED Director, and ELAC must work with appropriate school personnel to communicate that students eligible for the alternate assessment <u>will not participate in the LAS Links</u> <u>testing</u>. These students will be considered by the PPT for the new alternate ELP assessment.







CSDE Test Security Policy

Violation of test security is a serious matter with far-reaching consequences. Breaches of test security include, but are not limited to, copying of test materials, failing to return test materials, coaching students, giving students answers, and/or changing students' answers. Such acts may lead to the invalidation of an entire school district's student test scores, disruption of the test system statewide, and legal action against the individuals committing the breach. A breach of test security may be dealt with as a violation of the Code of Professional Responsibility for Teachers, as well as a violation of other pertinent state and federal law and regulation. The Connecticut State Department of Education will investigate all such matters and pursue appropriate follow-up action. Any person found to have intentionally breached the security of the test system may be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, disciplinary action by a local board of education, the revocation of Connecticut teaching certification by the State Board of Education, * and civil liability pursuant to federal copyright law.

*See Section 10-145b(j) (1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which reads in relevant part as follows: The State Board of Education shall revoke any certificate, authorization or permit issued pursuant to said sections if the holder is found to have intentionally disclosed specific questions or answers to students or otherwise improperly breached the security of any administration of a statewide examination pursuant to section 10-14n.







Estimated Total Time to Complete Administration of Each Subtest



Subtest Area	Estimated Time
Speaking	15 minutes – all Grades
Listening	35 minutes – Grades K, 1, 6-8, and 9-12 30 minutes – Grades 2-3, 4-5
Reading	40 minutes – Grades K, 1, 2-3, and 4-5 50 minutes – Grades 6-8 and 9-12
Writing	30 minutes – Grades K, 1 40 minutes – Grades 2-12

NOTE: For scheduling purposes these times are recommended to complete administration of each subtest and include setup, logins, etc. in addition to testing







Before Test Administration





Important Reminders- Before Testing

- Enroll each student in ONE testing session only
- Identify students who are eligible for the Alternate
 Assessments and do not include them in a test session.
- Enter required accommodations into DRC INSIGHT when applicable for students with an IEP or section 504 plan
- Train ALL test administrators
- Do NOT give students their test tickets during the Practice Test (Online Tools Training)
- Do NOT manually add students to the DRC INSIGHT portal

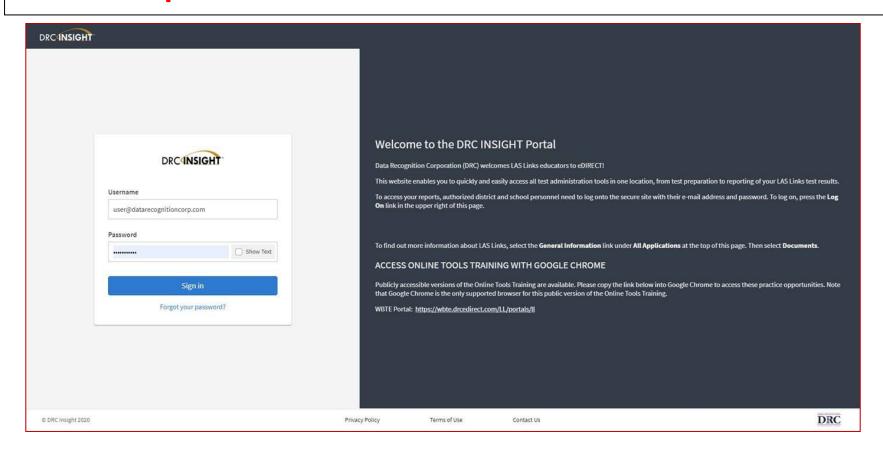




Access the DRC INSIGHT Portal



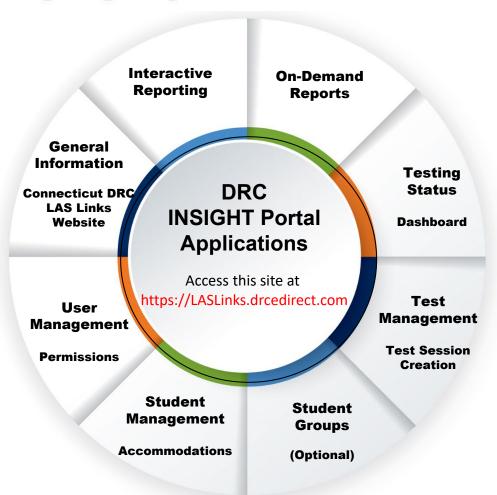
https://LASLinks.drcedirect.com





LAS Links DRC INSIGHT Portal





The LAS Links Portal User Guide is posted to the Connecticut DRC LAS Links web site.

The Portal Guide contains step-by-step instructions for:

- Adding new users and assigning permissions
- Student Management and adding accommodations
- Creating student groups
- Checking testing status
- Create/View/Edit Test Sessions



Critical Resources



LAS Links Portal User Guide

- Add/Edit Users
- Create Student Groups (optional for reporting at a class level)
- Add/Edit Student Accommodations
- Checking Testing Status

Test Sessions: Create View and Edit

- Posted at https://laslinks.com/connecticut-information/
- Instructions can be accessed in the LAS Links Portal User Guide.

CT LAS Links Test Administration Manual

 Provides more in-depth explanations, step-by-step online test directions, and accommodation guidelines



Terminology



DRC INSIGHT Portal	The DRC INSIGHT Portal is a permission and role-based, secure central gateway for managing testing programs. It includes the applications necessary to administer an assessment.
Application Menu	Allows for tab navigation between applications, such as Student Management and Test Management within the DRC INSIGHT Portal.
Secondary Menu	A list of functions within a specific application. For example, Manage Students within Student Management Application.
Central Office Services	Central Office Services (COS) is a set of software tools for the setup, configuration, and management of the DRC INSIGHT locally installed software – the COS Service Device and the secure testing devices.



Terminology



DRC INSIGHT Secure Application	A secure testing interface that is installed on each testing device to provide a secure testing experience. This software works in conjunction with the DRC INSIGHT Test Engine that provides test questions to the test taker and sends responses to the DRC INSIGHT server.
DRC INSIGHT Secure Browser	The DRC INSIGHT Secure Browser that runs on Windows, macOS, and Linux testing devices is available for download in the DRC INSIGHT Portal.
DRC INSIGHT Secure App	The DRC INSIGHT Secure App for iOS, iPADs, Chrome OS, and Windows 10 in S mode is available in the corresponding Operating System vendor's stores.







Creating Student Groups(Reporting at a Class Level)





Why Use Student Groups?



- To designate a "Class" within your organization's testing hierarchy, use Student Groups.
- Students Groups tie a group of students to specific Test Administrators for reporting.
- If Student Groups are NOT created, when you create your reports in the Interactive Reporting application, all students will be visible to all users at that site if they have the appropriate permissions.

Refer to the "Creating Student Groups" section in the DRC INSIGHT LAS Links Portal User Guide for further direction on creating student groups.



CSDE 2022-23 Online LAS Links Accommodation Guidelines

More detailed information is available in the 2022-23 Online LAS Links Test Administration Manual



Demographic Information - The Importance of PSIS

Records must be updated including the Testing Demographic Fields in the Public School Information System (PSIS) Registration Module:

Only students who are indicated as an EL/ML are sent to DRC to be rostered in the INSIGHT System.

Do not manually add students to DRCs INSIGHT Portal

- Causes possible errors in data
- CSDE provides DRC a daily file of accurate student information

Only students identified as Special Education or Section 504 in PSIS will be eligible for accommodations.



PSIS Updates

Students identified as EL/ML, Special Education, or Section 504 **after** October 1, 2022, must have their status updated in the PSIS Registration Module by the PSIS Data Manager as soon as possible to be included in the nightly test file uploads to be eligible to test and receive accommodations.

During the assessment window, CSDE exports new demographic information in PSIS to DRC daily, Monday through Friday.







LAS Links Accommodation Preparation

- Establish systematic district procedures and communicate regularly about students who are ELs/MLs and those English learners/multilingual learners who are dually identified.
- The language learning needs of students who are dually identified need to be represented at the PPT (<u>Dear</u> <u>Colleague Letter 1/7/15</u>).
- Accommodations used for instruction and assessment as described on the Supplementary Aids and Services section (previously page 8) of the IEP and within the Section 504 Plan may be provided to dually identified students on the LAS Links.



LAS Links Accommodation Preparation

- ELACs enter accommodations into the DRC INSIGHT Portal (DRC Category 3) for eligible students beginning December 5, 2022.
- Supports considered similar to universal tools or designated supports on other CT assessments are not recorded in the online LAS Links student management application but should be provided to students as described in their IEP or Section 504 plan.







Eligibility for Accommodations on the LAS Links

Each student participating must meet **each** of the following components of the eligibility criteria for **each** applicable subtest of the LAS Links:

- 1. Student is identified as an EL/ML in PSIS; AND
- 2. Student is identified as a student with disabilities with an active IEP or Section 504 plan; **AND**
- 3. The need for any accommodation must be documented in the IEP or the Section 504 Plan and used regularly for instruction and assessment; **AND**
- Student requires one or more of the allowable accommodations described in this training and the 2022-23 Online LAS Links Test Administration Manual.





ELs/MLs Enrolled In Approved Private Special Education Programs

- Each reporting district is responsible for testing all ELs/MLs in Grade K-12 with the LAS Links between January 3, 2023, and March 3, 2023. Some ELs/MLs attend Approved Private Special Education Programs (APSEPs).
- ELACs are responsible for ensuring these APSEP students are assessed within the test window.
- Each APSEP has a designated DA to support testing of enrolled students with disabilities. Please communicate with them to set up testing sessions.
 - Initial topics for discussion may include:
 - Does the dually identified EL/ML have a significant cognitive disability?
 - Does the dually identified EL/ML require accommodations for the LAS Links?
 - Does the EL/ML have one-to-one support?



Available Accommodations

The following accommodations are available.

- Braille
- Large Print
- Read Aloud, Scribe, and Sign Language
- Text-to-Speech (TTS)

For full descriptions, procedures and recommendations for use, review the Test Administration Manual posted to the Connecticut DRC LAS Links website.

Note: Each accommodation must be documented in the IEP or Section 504 plan.





Available Accommodations – Text-to-Speech

- Determine if student requires TTS for Reading passages first, because this accommodation impacts both Reading and Writing and is a specific test form.
- For TTS, the computer reads all text including passages to the student. for both Reading and Writing. If accommodation is selected, it will be automatically provided for Writing.
- Only dually identified students with Reader for Passages accommodation (typically for a print disability) may have the TTS LAS Links if documented in their IEP or Section 504 Plan and if used for instruction.
- Students who are not eligible for TTS but need the TTS
 accommodation for the Writing content may have a human reader
 for the Writing content only.



LAS Links Read Aloud Functionality Chart



ELs/MLs with Significant Cognitive Disabilities Eligible for Alternate Assessments

Students with an IEP who have evidence of a significant cognitive disability as determined by their PPT via the Connecticut Alternate Assessment Eligibility Form may participate in the Alternate Assessment System.

These students are not eligible to participate in the LAS Links because this test is inappropriate for them. These students will be considered for participation in the new Alternate ELP Assessment, the CAAELP.







ELs/MLs with Significant Cognitive Disabilities Eligible for Alternate Assessments

ELs/MLs in Grades K-12:

- Whose PPT has determined they are eligible for the Alternate Assessment System do not participate in the LAS Links for the 2022-23 school year.
- A CSDE Trained Teacher Administering the Alternate
 Assessment (TEA) submits the <u>Connecticut Alternate</u>
 <u>Assessment System Eligibility Form</u> via the DEI between
 November 14 and December 23, 2022.

Also, for dually identified ELs/MLs in Grades K-2, 9, 10, and 12:

 The ELAC should enter requested information on the English Learners/Multilingual Learners Eligible for the Alternate Assessment Form provided on the CT/DRC LAS Links website.



ELs/MLs Not Able to Access Subtest Due to Disability

If a student is identified as D(d)eaf or hard of hearing, they may not be not be able to participate in the Listening subtest due to this disability.

ELs/MLs with an IEP or 504 Plan may be non-verbal and, even when provided assistive technology or augmentative and alternate communication supports, may not be able to participate in the Speaking subtest.

EL/ML students with an IEP or Section 504 Plan who cannot access the Listening or Speaking domains due to their disability may request a domain exemption for the applicable subtest.

ELACs must submit the request by **December 23, 2022.**







English Learners/Multilingual Learners Eligible for an Accommodated/Paper Form

Some students cannot participate in the Online LAS Links assessment and are eligible for a paper test form. Students recorded in PSIS who are:

- Attending Connecticut public schools, including state APSEPS, who have an active IEP or Section 504 plan documenting a need for a paper-test, braille, or large-print test form due to a disability.
- Enrolled in:
 - APSEPs without access to the online LAS Links testing platform; or
 - Out-of-State schools.

Note:

There is no Form F paper test students will receive Form C.







Accommodated/Paper Form Order Process

ELACs complete and submit the Connecticut 2023 LAS Links Accommodated/Paper Materials Order Form **before January 6**, **2023**, **at the latest**.

The final date to request UPS Pick-up to send completed test documents DRC for processing is February 17, 2023.

The Accommodated/Paper Materials Order Form is posted to the CT DRC LAS Links Website and the CSDE website.

ELACS must:

- order the appropriate LAS Links paper version;
- manage the administration and security of the paper form; and,
- maintain all mailing and tracking receipts.







2023 Connecticut LAS Links Accommodated/Paper Materials Order

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- Test Coordinator Kit
 Materials for the return
 of completed tests are
 shipped from DRC
 Maple Grove, MN office
- Test Materials are shipped from DRC Brooklyn Park, MN office





ELAC Considerations for Entering Student Accommodations

- ELAC works closely with the PSIS Coordinator, DA, SPED Director, and teachers to confirm accommodations for each student and subtest. Students may require one or more accommodations in at least one subtest.
- ELAC MUST confirm the student has not started testing prior to or during the time accommodations are being entered.
- ELACs maintain and disseminate, in a confidential manner, to staff a list of actual accommodations to ensure they are provided by proctors appropriately to each student in each subject.
- ELAC enters accommodations under Student Management during the LAS Links Accommodation Window:

December 5, 2022 - March 3, 2023





Procedures for Entering Student Accommodations

- Accommodations are recorded online for each subtest, for each student identified as both an English learner/multilingual learner and a student with a disability. These students may require one or more accommodations in at least one subtest.
- In the DRC portal, under Student Management, the ELAC will indicate in each subject area if a student has one or more accommodations in that subject by checking Category 3.
- If a change is made to demographics at any time or a change is made to accommodations while a student is currently testing, significant consequences for student testing, scoring, and reporting will occur.







Recording Accommodations

Be Sure to Enter Accommodations in Column for Form F





Accommodations



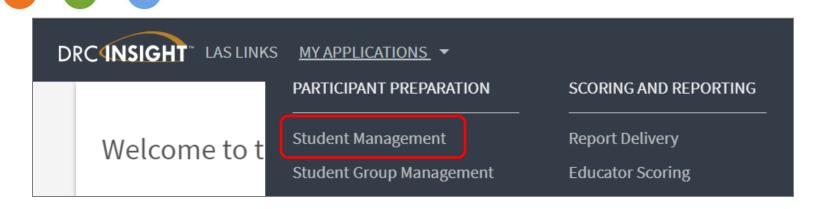
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Accommodations for a student must be entered **prior to testing** by that student. Enter Accommodations under **Form F column**.

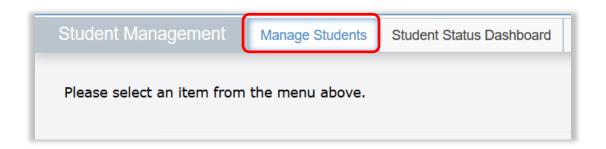


Student Management





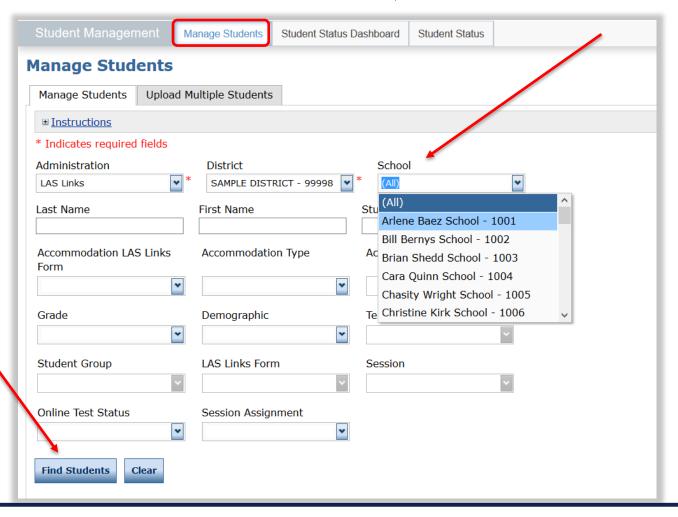
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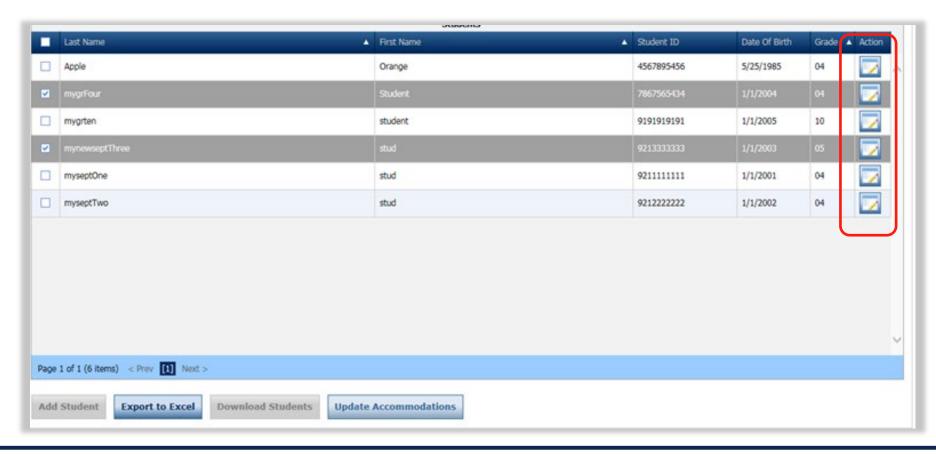
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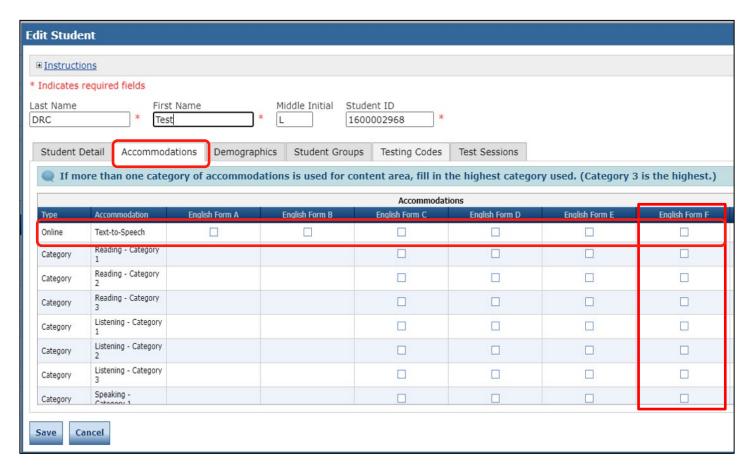
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Step 4: Click on the Accommodations tab on the Edit Student screen.

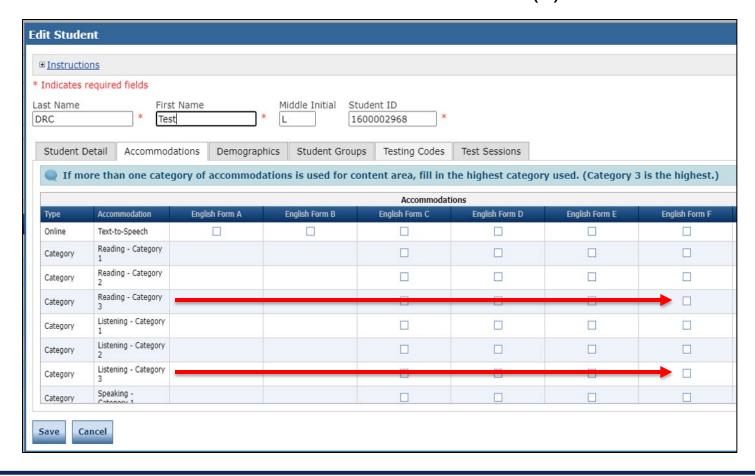


Enter Accommodations under English Form F





Step 5: Scroll down and choose only **Category 3** as applicable for each of the domains for which the accommodation(s) are administered.









Test Sessions: Create/View/Edit





Test Management



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ACCESS ONLINE

PARTICIPANT PREPARATION

Student Management

Student Group Management

Test Administrator Management

User Management

TEST PREPARATION

Test Management

POST-TEST ACTIONS

Student Management

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WBTE Portal: https://wbte.drcedirect.com/LL/portals/ll

SCORING AND REPORTING

Report Delivery

Educator Scoring

Interactive Reports

GENERAL INFORMATION

General Information

TECHNOLOGY SETUP

Central Office Services



Manage Test Sessions: Show Sessions

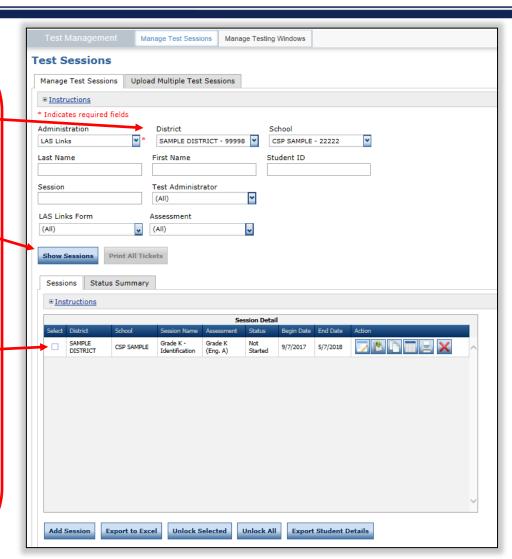


Before Adding a Session, "Show Sessions" first.

This will ensure you **don't duplicate students** in a Test Session.

Students should appear in a single test session only.

This is especially important because the Form F OP FT has 5 form sets behind the scenes that are dealt out for testing. We will not be able to merge domains after testing.

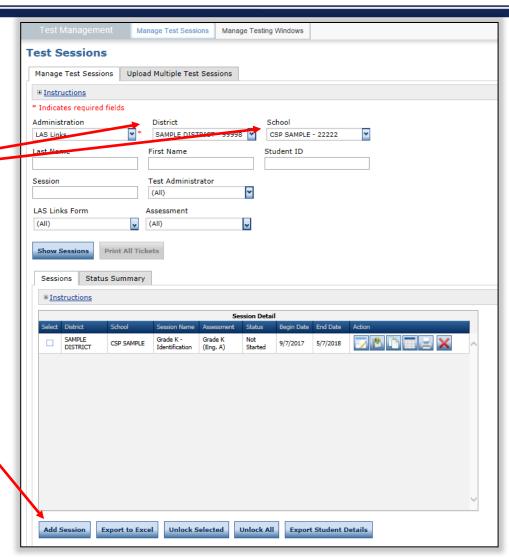




Manage Test Sessions: Schedule Test Sessions



To add a session, choose **District** and **School** (as applicable) from the drop-down menu, then click **Add Session** found at the bottom of the page.





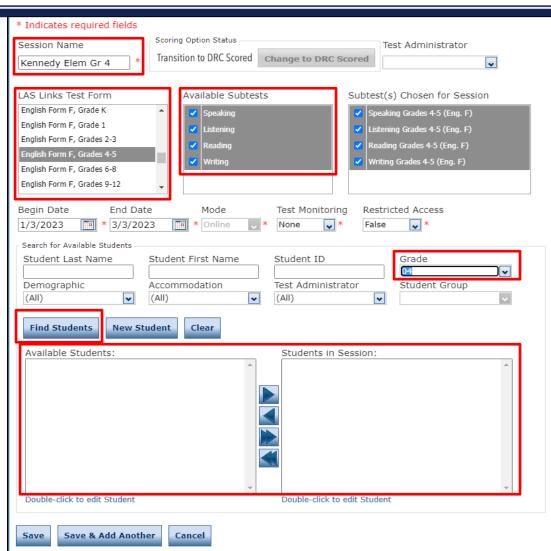
Test Management Schedule Test Sessions



Test Management Manage Test Sessions

Please select an item from the menu above.

- 1. Uniquely name session
- 2. Choose grade band in Test Form
- 3. Choose all four subtests
 - Subtests MUST be contained in the same session to generate Overall score!
- 4. Select grade within identified grade band
- 5. Highlight the students to be added to the session and click the blue right arrow

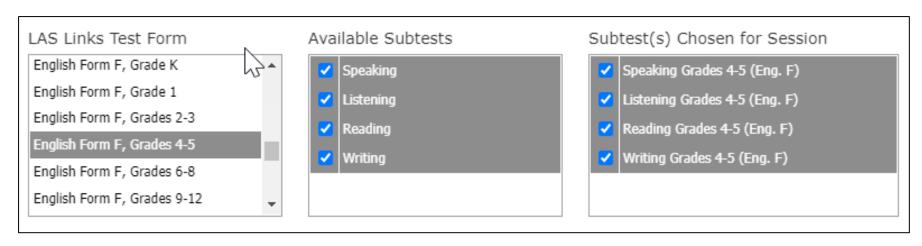




Top 5 Before Testing Reminders



Important Note: All four subtests MUST be contained in the same session in order to generate Overall scores.



Select **ALL** <u>four available subtests</u> for **EVERY** Test Session. If you've created a Test Session in error without all four subtests, contact LAS Links Help Desk at 866.282.2250.



Test Management Generating Test Tickets/Print All or Select



To print all test tickets for the students in a test session, click the **Print All Test Tickets** icon the **Action** column of the **Session Details** window for the test session.

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Test Management Sample Test Tickets



Student Test Roster is for the administrator

LAS Link	>					
Student Te	st Roster				District: Sales a	and Training District
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					School	
					LAS Links Form: English	
					Assessment: Grades	
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Completed	Accommodation(s)	Student Name	Date of Birth	` □		*
Completed	Accommodation(s)	Student Name Demo, Student4	Date of Birth	` □	Session Window: 1/3/202	23 to 3/3/2023

Test Ticket is for the student

- Test Administrators must ensure they are handing a test ticket to the correct student before LIVE testing and not for the practice test (Online Tools Training)
- Verify PSIS grade status before testing

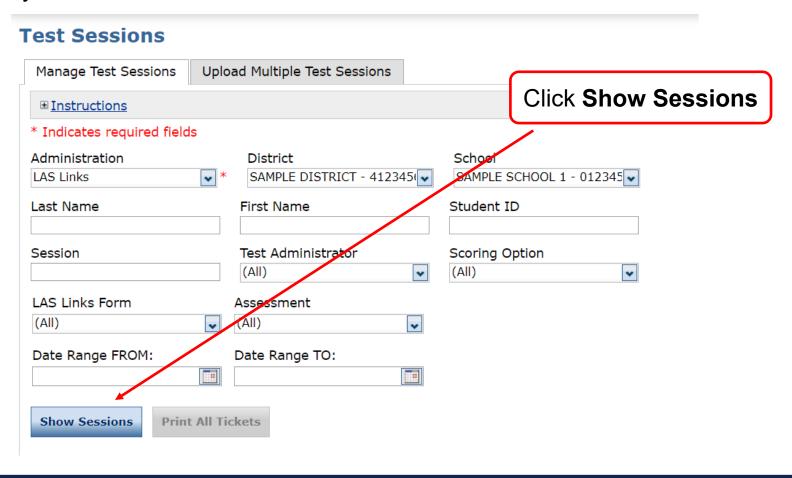
	o Online Test Ticket	LAS Links Online Test Ticket				
English Form	F - Grades 4-5 (Eng. F)	English Form	F - Grades 4-5 (Eng. F)			
Student4		Test				
Demo		Johnson				
Date of Birth:	4/4/2014	Date of Birth:	6/28/2014			
Accommodation(s):	N/A	Accommodation(s):	TTS			
Test Session Name:	Kennedy Elem Gr 4	Test Session Name:	Kennedy Elem Gr 4			
Student ID:	44444	Student ID:	73737373			
Username:	SDEMO23	Username:	TJOHNSON10			
Password:	FEET7844	Password:	WORN5428			



Test Management Adding/Removing Students - Existing Test Sessions



When the test session displays, click the **View/Edit** icon the **Action** column to display the **Edit Test Session** window for the session.

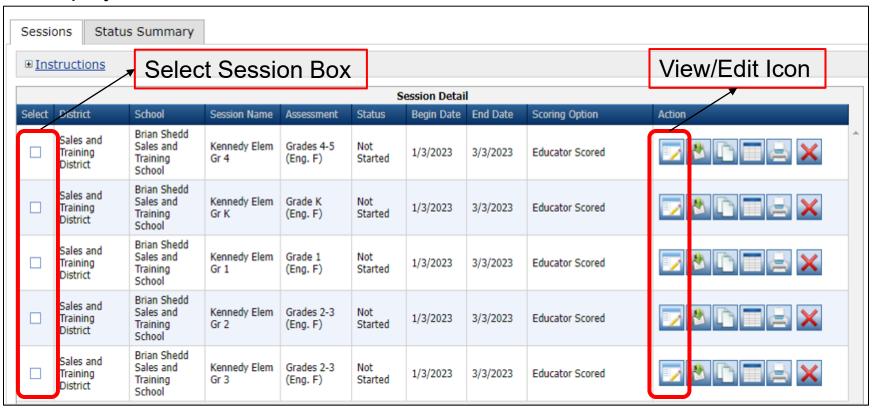




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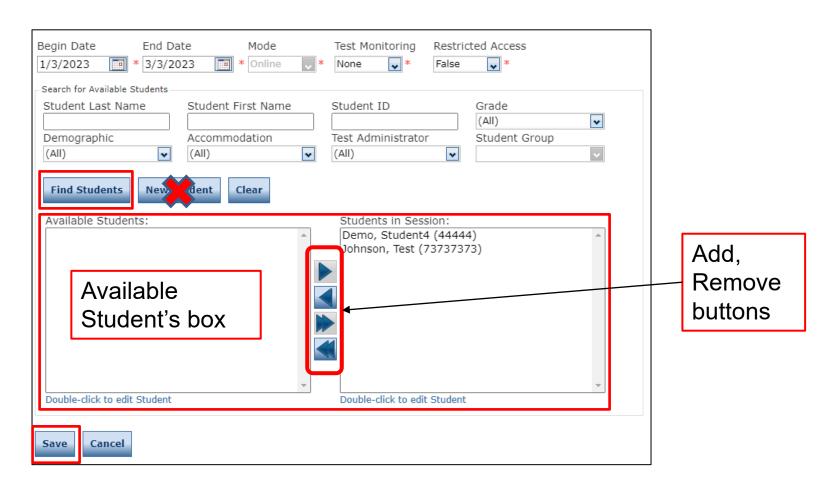




Test Management Adding/Removing Students - Existing Test Sessions



From the Edit Test Session click Find Students





Test Management Deleting a Test Session



When the test session displays, click the **Delete** icon in the **Action** column for the test session you want to remove. Session can only be deleted if no testing has begun.









Resources: Acclimate Students to Technology Prior to Testing





Practice Test/Online Tools Training



Have the students use the Online Tools Training to prepare them to use the Technology prior to testing.

Use Google Chrome unless you have an iPad, then use the Safari browser.

English & Spanish Versions available.

Do NOT use a student's live test ticket during Online Tools Training.



https://wbte.drcedirect.com/LL/portals/ll

For practice test (Online Tools Training) only, the username and password are provided on the login screen.

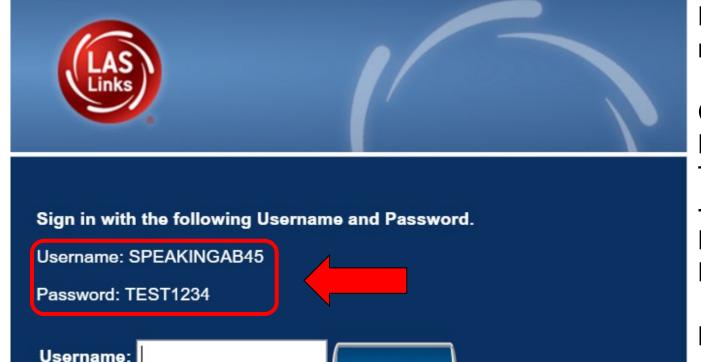


Password:

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Students Use PROVIDED Login Information





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Sign In

The Username and Password login is not case sensitive.

Credentials for the Practice Test (Online Tools Training) only - are built into the Practice Test Login Page.

Do NOT hand students their test ticket for the Practice Test!

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During Test Administration





Student Uses Test Ticket to Login



When the student is ready to take the live test, they should be given the test ticket and should click on the DRC INSIGHT App installed on the student device.







Common Problems - During Testing

- Connectivity issues try restarting the testing device.
- Confirm students who are eligible for the alternate and do not test them on the LAS Links.
- Confirm accommodations and provide them at the time of testing.
- Ensure tickets are given to the correct student for each test session and do not provide tickets for the practice test.
- Teachers should actively monitor students during testing.







Reminder: No Merging

Students should appear in a single test session only.

This is especially important because the Form F OP FT has five form sets behind the scenes that are dealt out for testing.

We will not be able to merge domains after testing.

This means a student will not receive an Overall or other composite scores.

A student who does not receive an Overall score cannot exit EL/ML status for that year.







Student Mobility – Within Same District



- When student is registered in PSIS in the same district but in a new school, the student is rostered in the same district but in a new school in the DRC INSIGHT Portal.
- The ELAC must check the student's profile and look for the existing test ticket assigned to that student and their testtaking status.
- Test results for the student will remain at the previous school (the one where the test session/test ticket was created) in the DRC INSIGHT Portal.
- Test results in EdSight follow the student.



Student Mobility – Within Same District



- If the student started testing one subtest, the student <u>MUST</u> finish testing with the test ticket and all remaining subtests in that test session created at the previous school.
 - The test ticket should be securely provided from one school to the other so the student can resume testing. If this does not occur, the student will not receive an Overall score and the student will not be eligible to exit EL/ML status.
- If the student has not started any testing, the student can be placed in a new test session at the new school and begin testing.



Student Mobility – To a New District



- As soon as the student is registered in the PSIS in the new district in a new school, the student is rostered in the new district and a new school in the DRC INSIGHT Portal.
- The ELAC at the new district/school (student moved from one district to another) will not be able to view the test session from the previous facility.
- Test results for the student will remain at the previous district and school (the one where the test session/test ticket was created) in the DRC INSIGHT Portal.
- Test results in EdSight results follow the student.



Student Mobility – To a New District



- If a school has a new student from a different district contact the ELAC from the original district first to see if the student has started testing and which subtests were taken.
- To view ELAC Contact Information: http://edsight.ct.gov/SASPortal/main.do
- If testing has started, the same test ticket must be securely sent, and the student <u>MUST</u> finish testing with that test ticket in that same test session. If this does not occur, the student will not receive an Overall score and the student will not be eligible to exit EL/ML status.
- If the student has not started any testing, the student can be placed in a new test session at the new school and begin testing.



Maintaining a Secure Test Environment

A secure test environment includes:

- Protecting secure materials from view by other students, teachers, parents, school staff, or other individuals
- Refraining from sharing items or other secure test materials
- Administering the LAS Links only through the passwordprotected testing environment
- Restricting student access to content related resources, electronic devices, and photography technology
- Ensuring a quiet test-taking environment, void of distractions







Inappropriate Test Practices

Inappropriate test practices should be reported to the ELAC immediately.

- Changing the wording of directions, items, or response options
- Using prompting, including hand-over-hand, and referencing related materials or experiences
- Providing students with a preview of the LAS Links
- Providing or changing answers
- Teaching test content immediately before the test or the administration of an item







Inappropriate Test Practices

Inappropriate test practices should be reported to the ELAC immediately.

- Allowing the use of electronic devices or photography technology during testing
- Sharing test items, content, or forms, either in writing, verbally, or through photography, phone cameras, or recording devices with colleagues, parents, the public, or students
- Leaving any test materials or the Test Delivery System unattended
- Allowing an individual not employed by the district to administer the LAS





Inappropriate Test Practices

If a test proctor demonstrates inappropriate proctoring, such as providing or modifying student answers or using secure test materials inappropriately, the ELAC should contact the Student Assessment Office immediately at 860-713-6860.







Appeals

Testing irregularities include:

- interruptions in testing such as a fire drill or technical issue
- test accidently submitted
- incorrect directions shared
- incorrect assessment accommodations provided
- a student who is eligible for the CTAA is tested
- use of a mobile device during testing

The ELAC provides necessary information via electronic submission on the LAS Links Appeals form for 2022-23.

CT LAS Links Appeals Form 2022-23 will be available by December 2022.





Appeals Process for Online Testing

The ELAC receives a link to the LAS Links Appeals Submission in an Appeals Process email from CSDE.



Connecticut LAS Links Appeals Form - 2022-2023



THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DISTRICT ELAC ONLY!

- ELAC enters required information.
- Appeals are reviewed in a timely manner by CSDE.
- ELACs are notified when the request is completed or if more information is required.
- Please stop testing the student in all domains until the appeal is approved!





Actions to Resolve Appeals

Unlock: student re-enters a subtest with the same ticket starting where the left off but can access all items. For Listening and Speaking subtests the student **will not** be able to return to previously viewed items.

Unlock does not require documentation to be submitted.







Actions to Resolve Appeals

Regenerate: subtest is cleared, and student starts at item #1 with a new test ticket. A new password is generated across all subtests in the test session, which requires the printing of a new test ticket.

If a regenerate is requested, the student is expected to test that subtest in the existing test session.

If a test ticket switch occurs, one or both tests will be regenerated.

If another test session is created, the student will not receive an Overall score because merging of subtests is not possible for Form F.

Regenerate <u>requires</u> documentation be submitted.







Actions to Resolve Appeals

Invalidate: a subtest may be invalidated, which will appear as Invalid (INV) for reporting. Other subtests not indicated as invalid will be reported normally. If an INV is applied to one or more domains, the student will not receive an Overall score.

Invalidate requires documentation be submitted.







Appeals Documentation

The ELAC must first fax a signed letter on district/school letterhead to Performance Office Irregularities at 860-713-7033 before the appeal can be approved. The letter **must include**:

- The student's grade, SASID, and the name of the subtest;
- The date and a detailed explanation;
- The name of the proctor involved;
- A description of the discussion with parents/guardians explaining the irregularity and options offered; and,
- Procedures to ensure this type of irregularity is not repeated.







Checking Testing Status District or School Level





Test ManagementCheck the Status of a Test Session



Test Management	Manage Test Sessions	Manage Testing Windows				
est Sessions						
Manage Test Sessions	Upload Multiple Test Sess	ions				
■ <u>Instructions</u>						
* Indicates required field	S					
Administration	District	School				
LAS Links Sample District - 99999 Sample School - 11111						
Last Name	First Name	Student ID				
Session	Test Administrator					
0.000.011	(All)	•				
LAS Links Form	Assessment	_				
(All)	(All)	•				
(*)	()					
Show Sessions Print All Tickets						
Sessions Status Su	mmary					
■ Instructions						
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	Session	n Summary				
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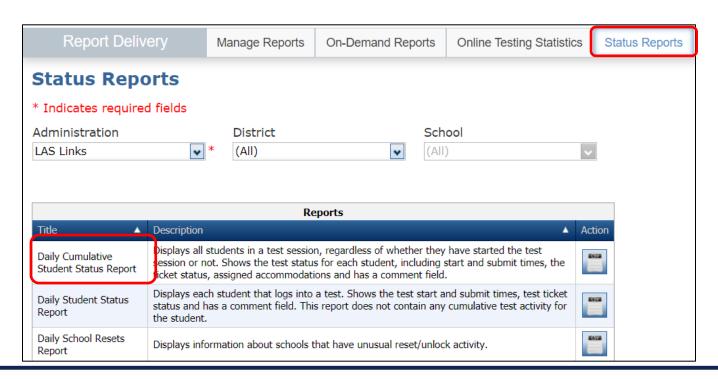


Status Reports



Check the Daily Cumulative Student Status Report

Report Delivery > Status Reports > Daily Cumulative Student
Status Report will display all students in a test session (on an
individual line per domain), regardless of whether they have started the
test session. Report will show the test status for each student including
start and submit times, and the ticket status.







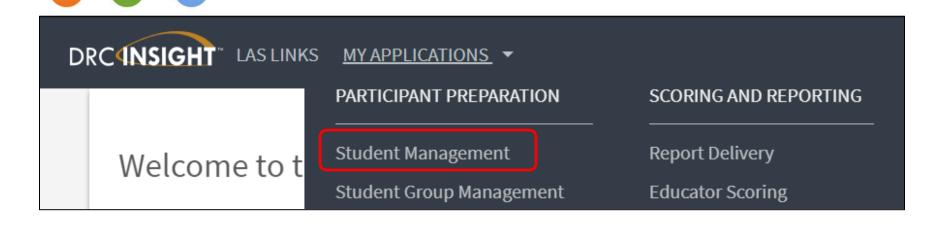


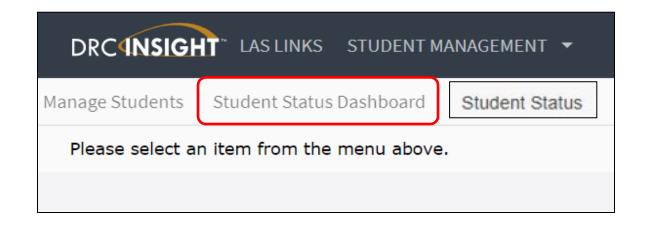
Checking the Status of Testing Using the Student Dashboard School Level Only





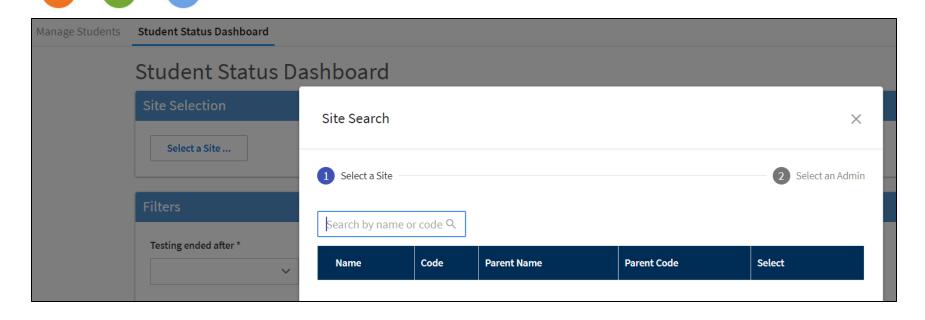












- Once you have chosen the Student Status Dashboard Application, the next page will ask you for a site name or site code. Your site code is displayed anytime your site name is displayed.
- Type either your site name or code into the Select a Site box.
- This dashboard can only run status reports at the **School** level, it cannot produce District-level reports.



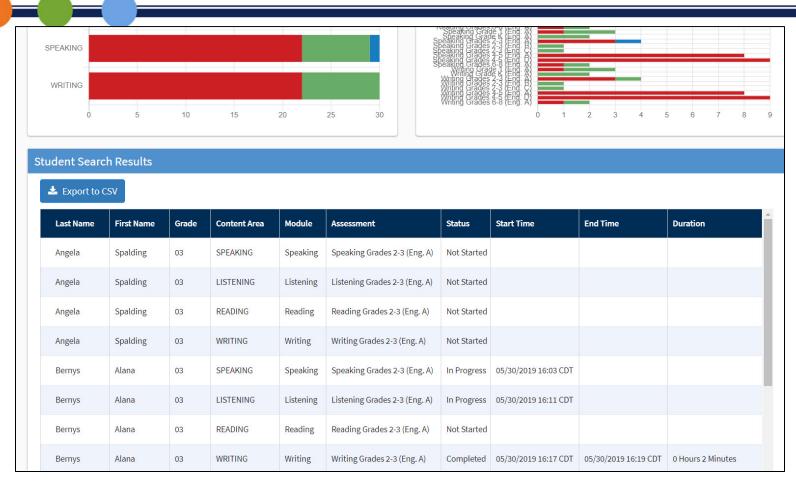




- The Student Status Dashboard provides a graphical presentation of Status by School, by Grade, by Content Area, and Assessment.
- If you hover over any color, the dashboard will provide student counts.
- Click on the icon in the right-hand corner of each chart to make the dashboard a list.







When you click on one of the bars (or circles), you will be provided with a student roster with time stamps at the bottom of the page.







After Test Administration Reminders





After Testing

- You will only be able to see that a student participated in the LAS Links test.
- There will be no On-Demand Reporting during the testing window
- Reports will be available in DRC INSIGHT Interactive Reporting, Student Proficiency and On-Demand Reports after CSDE releases final scores.
- Reports will be released in EdSight after the testing window closes.



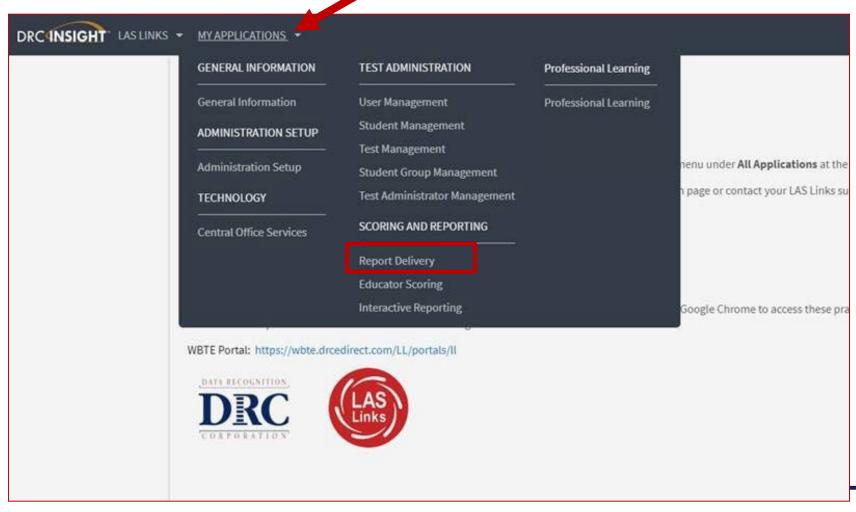




On-Demand Reports Will be Available after CSDE Releases Final Scores



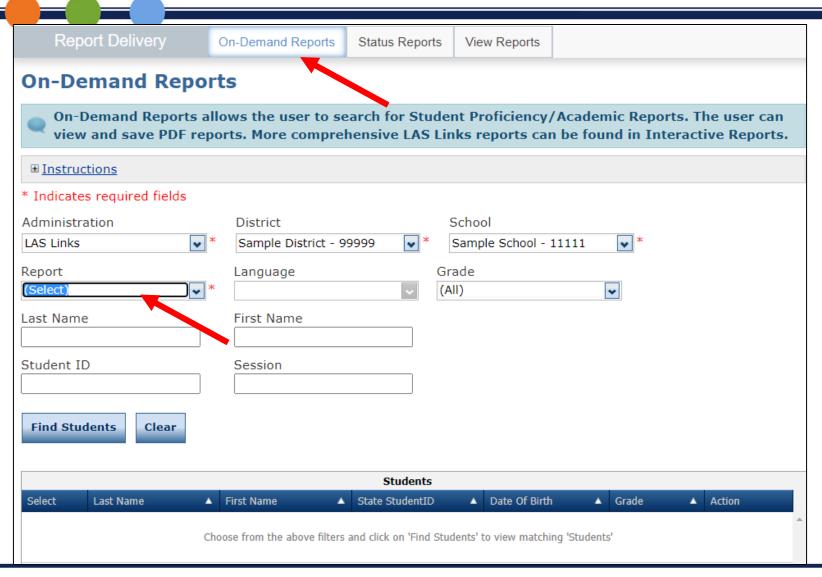
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On-Demand Reports

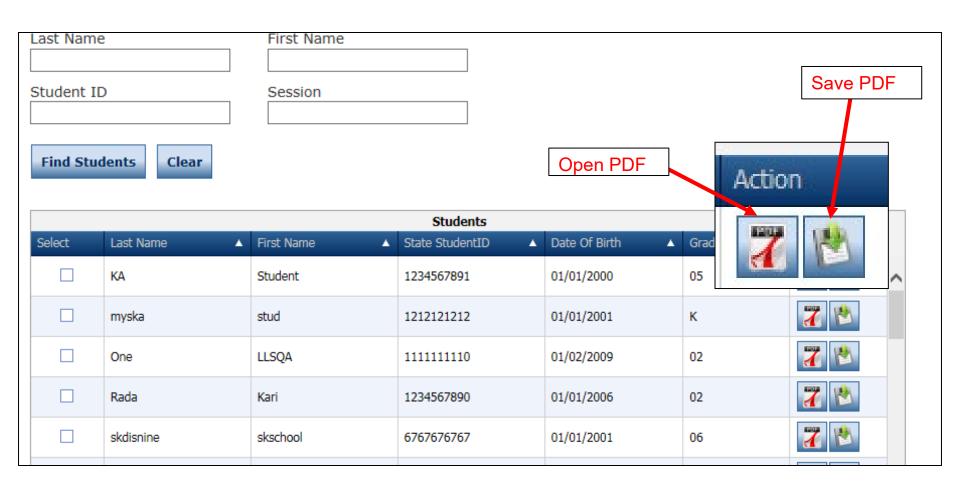






On-Demand Reports







On-Demand Reports





LAS Links

Student Proficiency Report

Test Date:

District: SAMPLE

Test Name: LAS Links

Form:

School: SAMPLE I.D:

Proficiency Report

Student: SAMPLE, Grade: 2	Proficiency Level	Scale Score	Raw Score
Listening	3	481	16
Speaking	4	523	39
Oral	3	502	55
Reading	2	469	19
Writing	2	457	19
Comprehension	2	475	35
Productive	3	490	58
Literacy	2	463	38
OVERALL	3	482	93

Academic Report	Speaking		Listening		Reading			Writing				
Student: SAMPLE, Grade: 2	Pts Possible	Pts Obtained	% Correct									
Social, Intercultural, and Instructional Communication	13	13	100	8	6	75	10	7	70	10	6	60
Academic	28	26	93	12	10	83	20	12	60	22	13	59
Foundational Skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	2	33.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Language Arts, Social Studies, History	14	14	100	6	4	66.7	7	5	71.4	11	6	54.5
Mathmatics, Science Technical Subjects	14	12	85.7	6	6	100	7	5	71.4	11	7	63.6
TOTAL SCORE*		39			16			19			19	

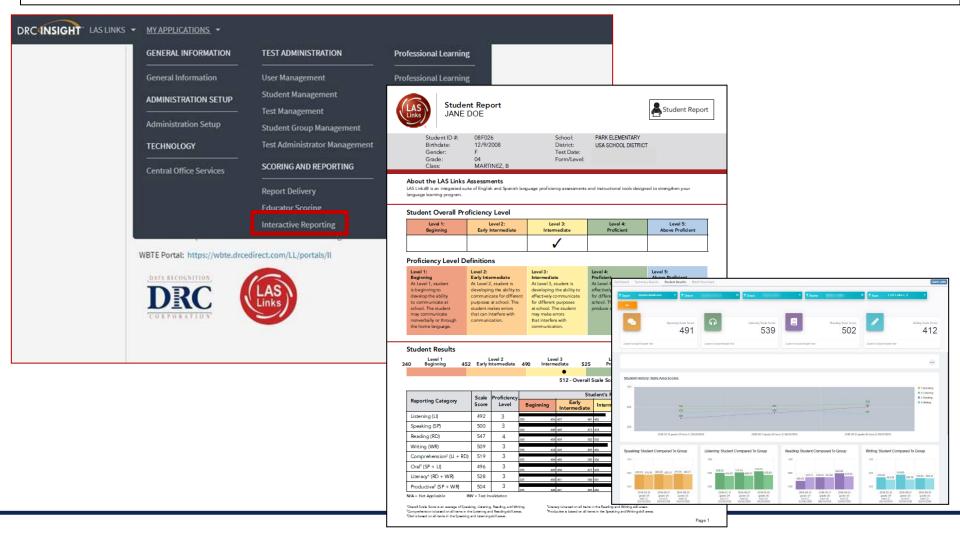
^{*}Total Score - Social, Intercultural, and Instructional Communication+ Academic Score



LAS Links Interactive Reports



Once CSDE releases test scores, data is provided via DRC INSIGHT's Interactive Reporting application.





Reminders

□ Communicate:

- ✓ with District Administrators (DA) in TIDE
- ✓ with SPED Directors
- ✓ with your peers before, during, and after testing
- ☐ Identify ELs/MLs who are eligible for the Alternate
 Assessment System and **not eligible** for LAS Links. Be sure they are not tested.
- ☐ Clarify and enter accommodations **prior** to testing the student
- Do not manually add students to the portal. PSIS data is sent to DRC daily. Let the system provide the accurate data.





Reminders

☐ Be careful not to place students in multiple sessions. Sessions cannot be merged. Organize testing schedule early and share with staff. Build in extra time. ☐ Provide accommodations to eligible students during testing. ☐ Ensure that the correct ticket is given is to the correct student. ☐ Train all staff administering the LAS Links and be sure they are actively proctoring!











LAS Links Online Student Experience







Estimated Total Time to Complete Administration of Each Subtest



Subtest Area	Estimated Time
Speaking	15 minutes – all Grades
Listening	35 minutes – Grades K, 1, 6-8, and 9-12 30 minutes – Grades 2-3, 4-5
Reading	40 minutes – Grades K, 1, 2-3, and 4-5 50 minutes – Grades 6-8 and 9-12
Writing	30 minutes – Grades K, 1 40 minutes – Grades 2-12

NOTE: For scheduling purposes these times are recommended to complete administration of each subtest and include setup, logins, etc. in addition to testing.



Student Experience Components









LAS Links Online: Practice Test



Student Access:

PC/MAC/iPAD/Chromebook



Chrome browser must be used if you are on Windows, macOS, ChromeOS, or Linux Devices. If you are on an iPad, you must use the Safari Browser.



How do Students Access LAS Links?



After students are assigned to a test session, they should click on this icon to start the live test.







Welcome to the Test! Student(s) should confirm that their profile is correct before testing starts.



Welcome Joe E. Sample

Before you begin testing, please confirm your profile information is correct:

Test Name: 04

Test Session: Student's Session School Name: Sample School

Student ID: 1234567890

Accommodation(s):

If the above information is correct, please select Continue.

If any of the above information is not correct, please raise your hand and notify your Test Administrator.



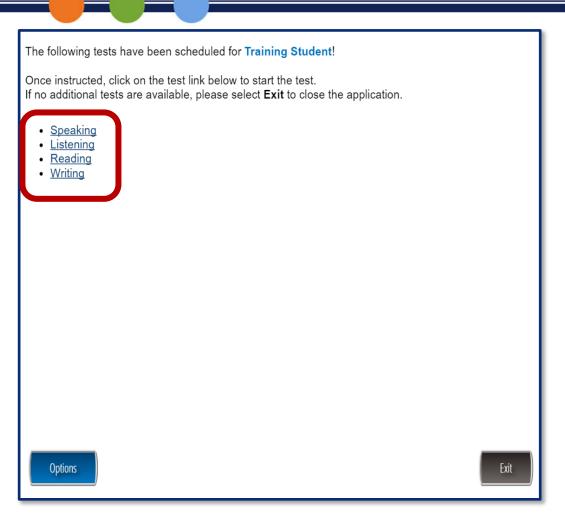
Options

Exit



Student View of Subtests





- Student is presented with the assigned subtests in the **Test Session**.
- Student clicks the subtest to begin.
- Subtests do not have to be taken in any order.

Initial view will have these 4 subtests available.







LAS Links Online: SPEAKING







Speaking



Speaking Skill Areas	Scoring
Make Conversation	Correct, Incorrect, No Response
Use Academic Words	Correct, Incorrect, No Response
Describe and Request Information	Constructed Response
Present and Explain Information	Constructed Response
Tell a Story	Constructed Response



Speaking



The following tests have been scheduled for Joe E. Sample

Once instructed, click on the test link below to start the test.

If no additional tests are available, please select **Exit** to close the application.

- Speaking
- Listening
- Reading
- Writing

Student is presented with the subtests they have been assigned in the **Test Session**.

Student clicks the subtest proctor assigns.

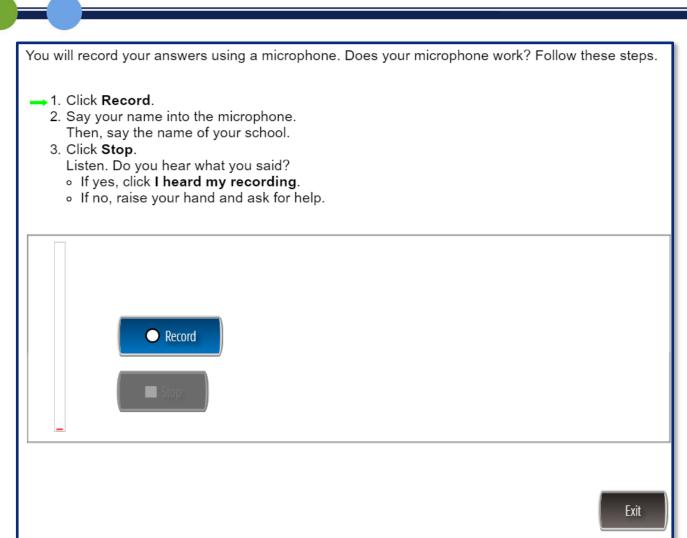
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Workstation Sound Check







Workstation Sound Check

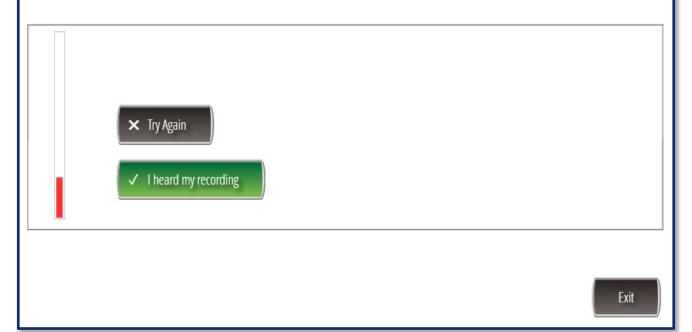


You will record your answers using a microphone. Does your microphone work? Follow these steps.

- 1. Click Record.
- 2. Say your name into the microphone. Then, say the name of your school.
- → 3. Click **Stop**.

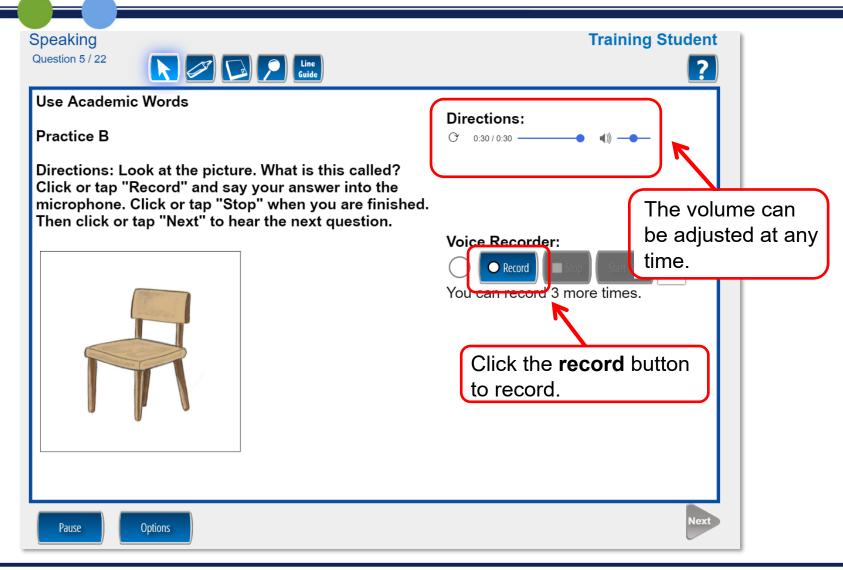
Listen. Do you hear what you said?

- If yes, click I heard my recording.
- o If no, raise your hand and ask for help.



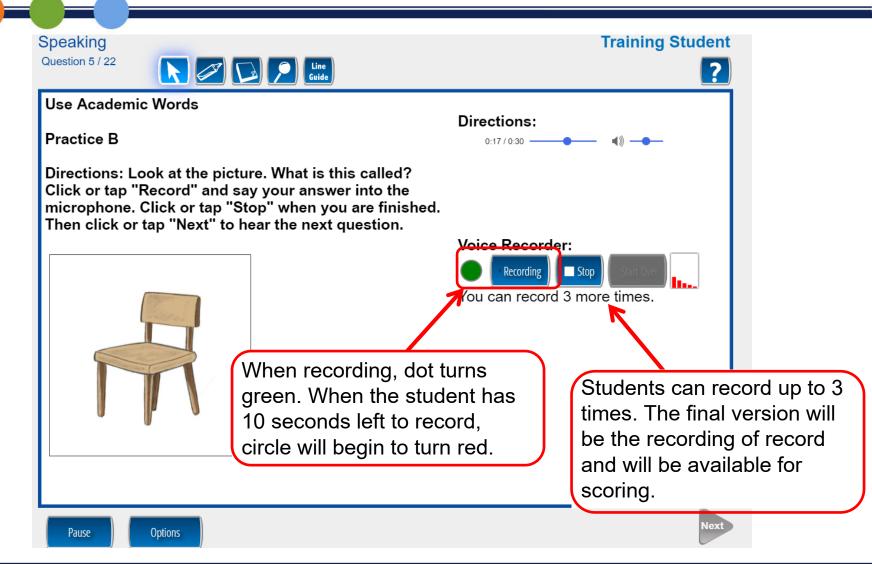
















You have not answered the que

To return to the question, click Return to

To move on, click **Next**

If a student has a box pop up on their screen during testing, that student is attempting to skip to the next question without answering. They should click the green **Return to Question** button to stay on this question and answer the question.

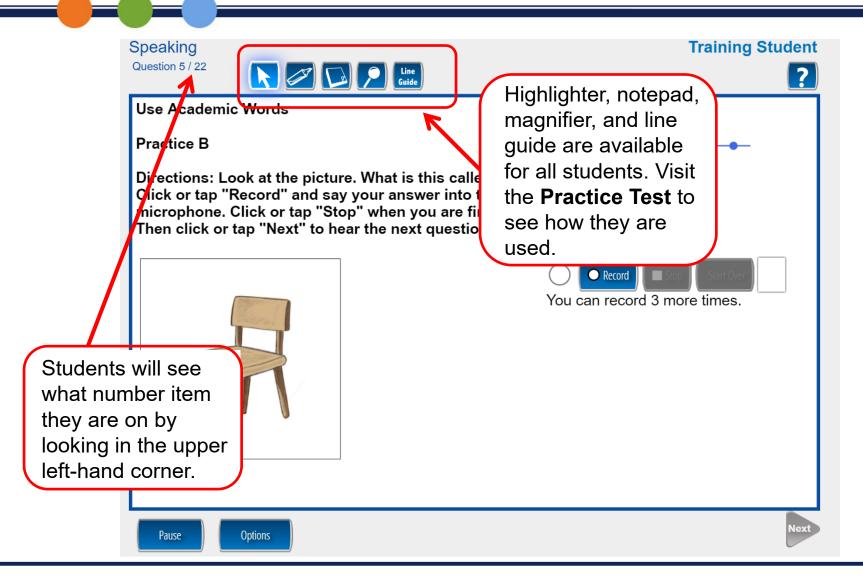
If the student is done with a question, they click **Next** to move to the next question.

Students cannot go back to previous Speaking questions once a student clicks **Next** during the Speaking test.



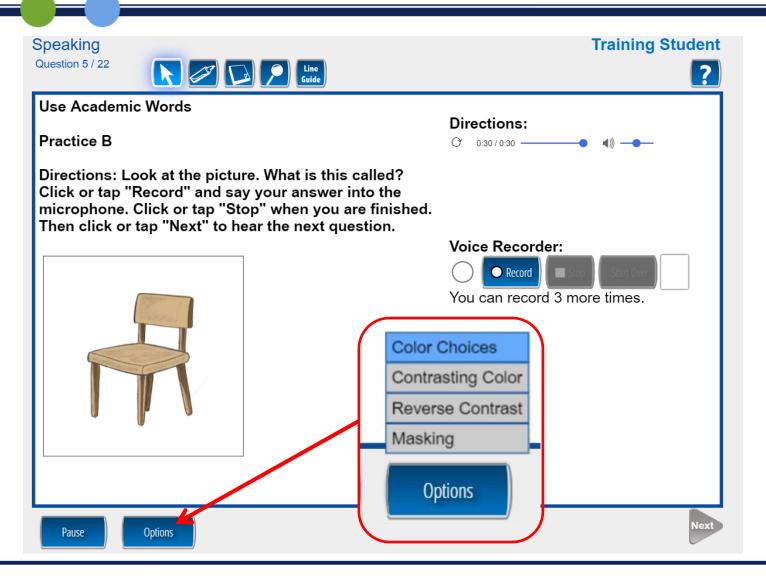






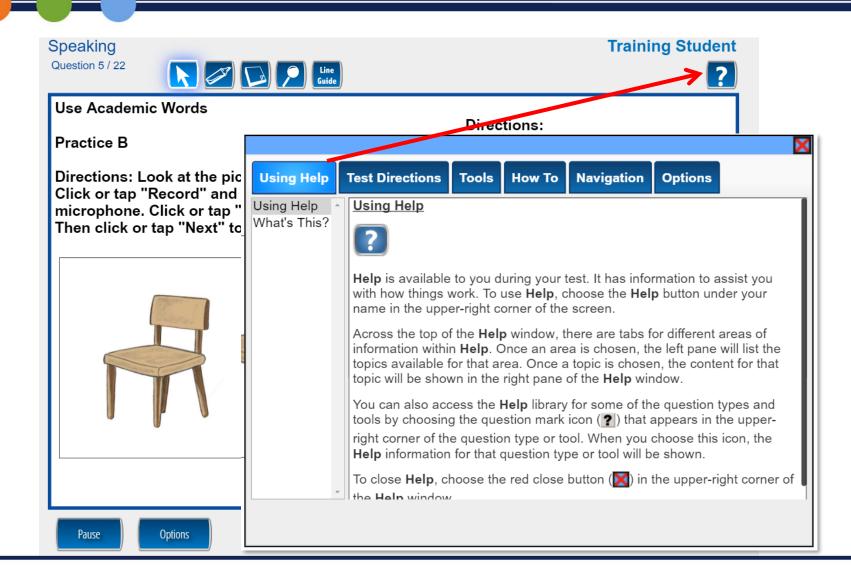
















Training Student Students should Line Guide click **Pause** if they Words need a break. Directions: Pausing allows the C 0:30 / 0:30 student to resume bk at the picture. What is this called? where they left off. A ecord" and say your answer into the lick or tap "Stop" when you are finished. 20-minute timer will ap "Next" to hear tb start and if not fully Speaking **Training Student** exited, the system Your test is paused. will log the student To resume testing, click the 'Resume' button. To logout of the test, click the 'Exit' button. When the clock reaches 0:00 your test will exit on its own. out and student will be able to log back in and start where they left off. 19:44 **Options**







LAS Links Online: LISTENING





Listening



Listening Skill Areas	Scoring
Listen for Information	Multiple-Choice
Listen for Academic Instruction	Multiple-Choice



Listening



The following tests have been scheduled for Joe E. Sample

Once instructed, click on the test link below to start the test.

If no additional tests are available, please select **Exit** to close the application.

- <u>Listening</u>
 - Reading
- Writing

Student is presented with the subtests they have been assigned in the **Test Session**.

Student clicks the subtest proctors assigns.

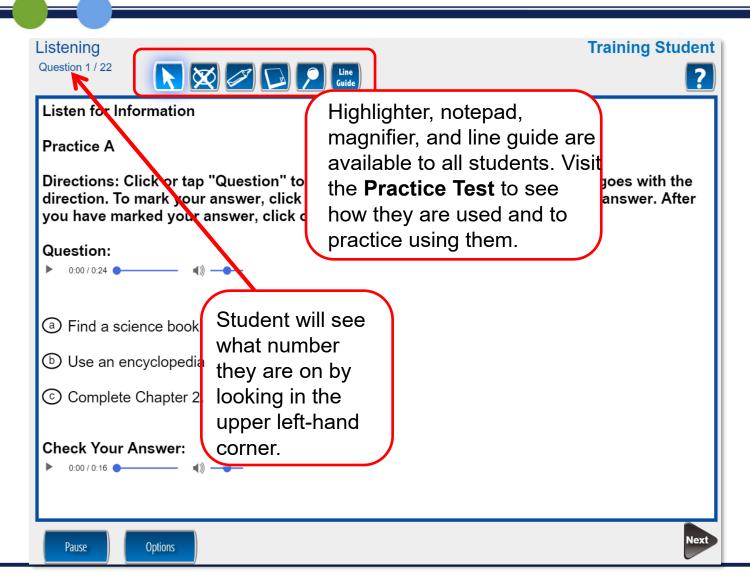
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Test-Taking Tips: Listening

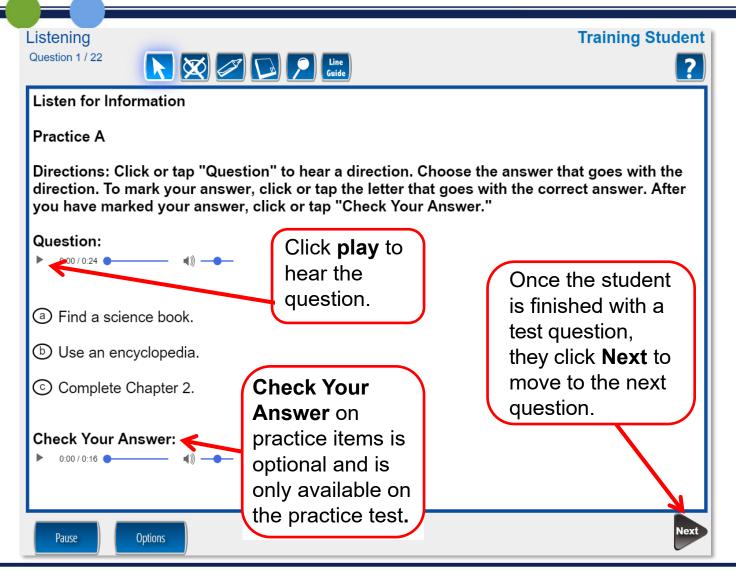






Test-Taking Tips: Listening







Test-Taking Tips: Listening





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To move on, click Next.

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Options

Return to the Question

Next

If the student is done with a question, they click

Next to move to the next question.

Students cannot go back to previous speaking questions once a student clicks **Next** during the Listening test.







LAS Links Online: READING





Reading



Reading Skill Areas	Scoring
Read Words (K-3 only)	Multiple-Choice
Read School Texts (NA for K)	Multiple-Choice
Read Academic Texts	Multiple-Choice



Reading



The following tests have been scheduled for Joe E. Sample

Once instructed, click on the test link below to start the test. If no additional tests are available, please select **Exit** to close the application.

- Reading
- Writing

Student is presented with the subtests they have been assigned in the **Test Session**.

Student clicks the subtest proctor assigns.

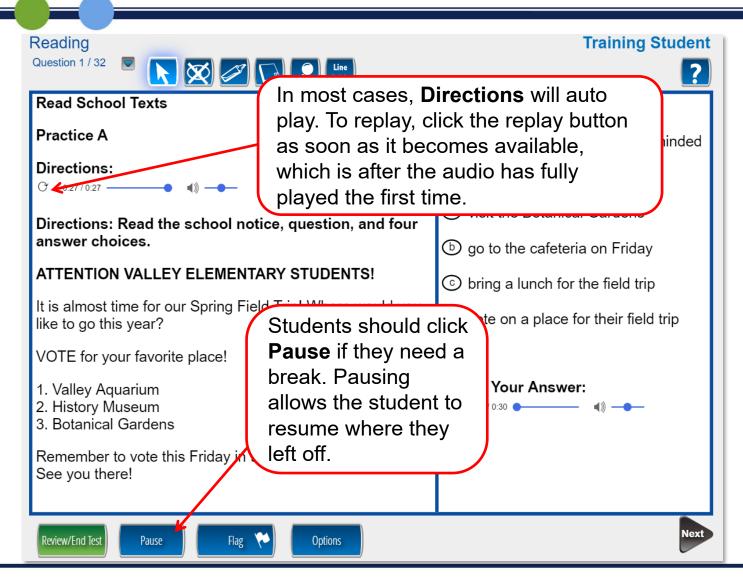
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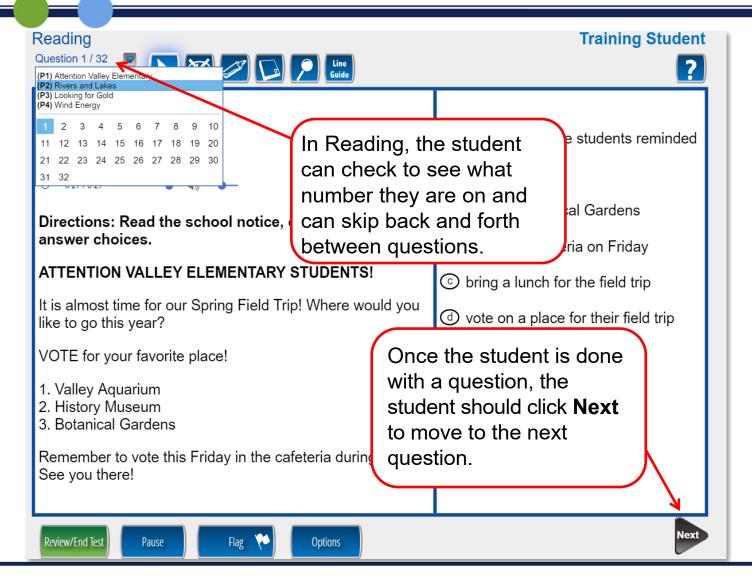
Reading





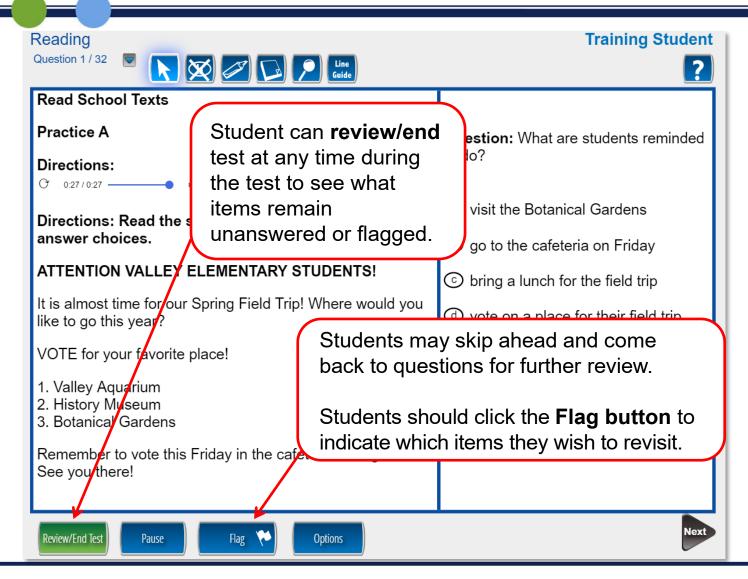






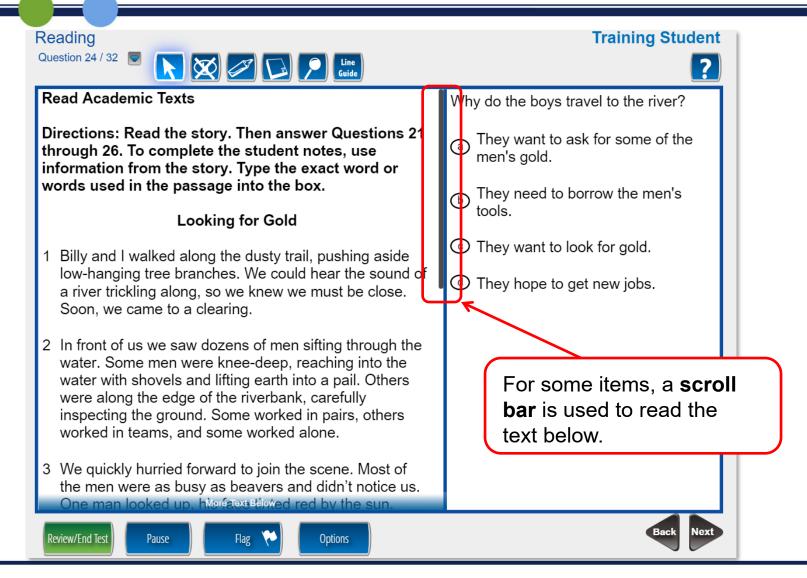
















Training Student Reading Please be sure you have answered all of the questions. Once Reading is Click on the guestion line to move to that guestion. complete, the Question Question student is given $\overline{\mathsf{V}}$ $\overline{\langle}$ 29 (P2) the opportunity to review items and 30 (P2) return to any $\overline{}$ (P3) items they left blank, they 32 (P3) flagged, or they (P3) answered and just would like to (P3) review. Once they $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ (P3) have completed their review, they Scroll Down To See More click End Test. Flagged Unanswered Once you have finished taking the test, click the "End Test" button to end your test. To continue testing, click the "Return to Questions" button. Return to Ouestions End Test Options







LAS Links Online: WRITING





Writing



Writing Skill Areas	Scoring
Start Writing (K-1 only)	Constructed-Response
Write to Express Ideas (all grades)	Constructed-Response
Write Academic Texts (1-12 only)	Constructed-Response
Use Grammar and Conventions (all grades)	Multiple-Choice



Writing



The following tests have been scheduled for Joe E. Sample

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Writing

Student is presented with the subtests they have been assigned in the **Test Session**.

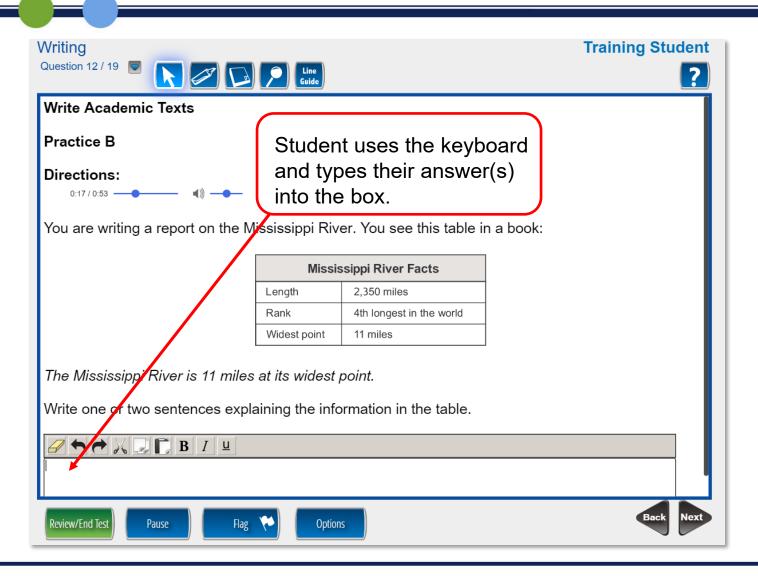
Student clicks the subtest the proctor assigns.

Options

Exit

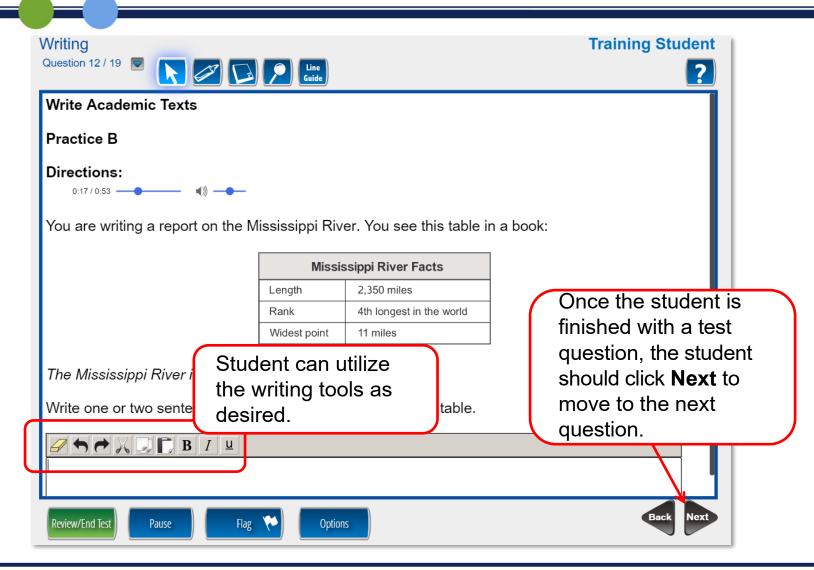






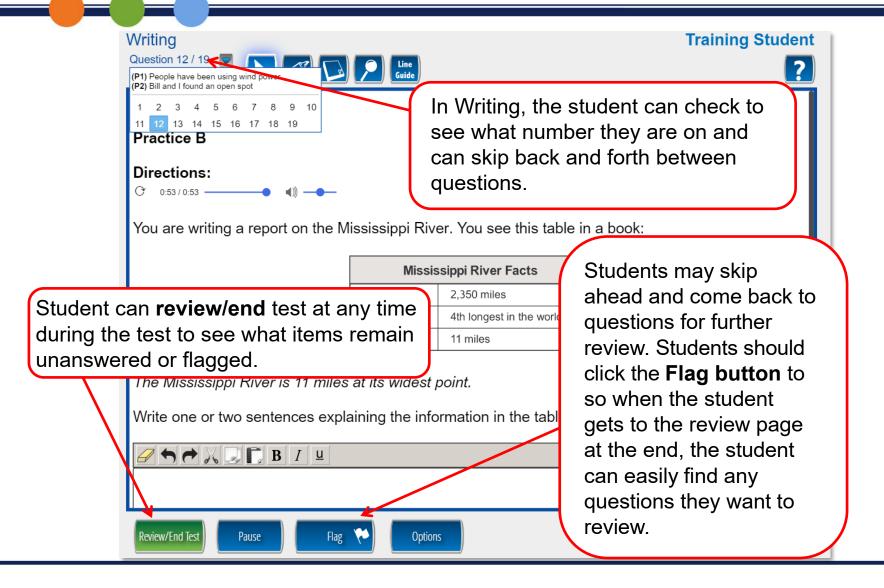










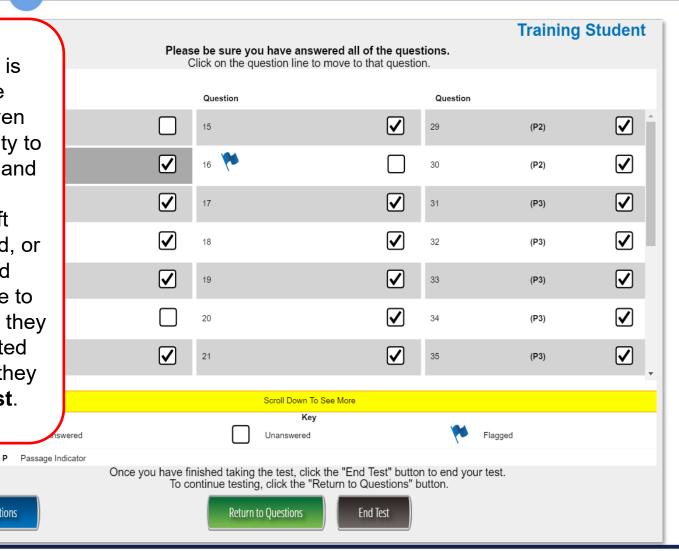






Once Writing is complete, the student is given the opportunity to review items and return to any items they left blank, flagged, or answered and just would like to review. Once they have completed their review, they click End Test

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