



# Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)

2025-26

New English Learner Assessment Coordinator's LAS Links Online Administration Training Part 1

## **Training Agenda**



- Training Part 1: Pre-test activities
  - ✓ Accessing the DRC INSIGHT Portal
  - ✓ Rostering/Registering Students
  - ✓ Managing Test Sessions
  - ✓ Recording Student Accommodations
  - ✓ Printing Test Tickets
- Resources and Contact Information

### **Connecticut DRC LAS Links Website**



Bookmark <a href="https://laslinks.com/connecticut-information/">https://laslinks.com/connecticut-information/</a>

The <u>Connecticut DRC LAS Links Website</u> includes CT specific LAS Links information on test administration, training, technology, and reporting.



#### **DRC LAS Links Website**

#### Overview

The <u>Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)</u> will be using the LAS Links Assessment for the ELP Assessments for eligible students in Grades K-12 for the 2025-26 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/multilingual learners (ELs/MLs). The CSDE believes that research-based instructional practices that support ELs/MLs in general education classrooms are essential while they are acquiring English and well after they have exited the intensive programs.

2025-26 LAS Links Testing Window January 5-March 6, 2026

LAS Links DRC INSIGHT Portal Access



**Training Part 1:**Pre-Test Activities

Activity 1:
Accessing the DRC
INSIGHT Portal



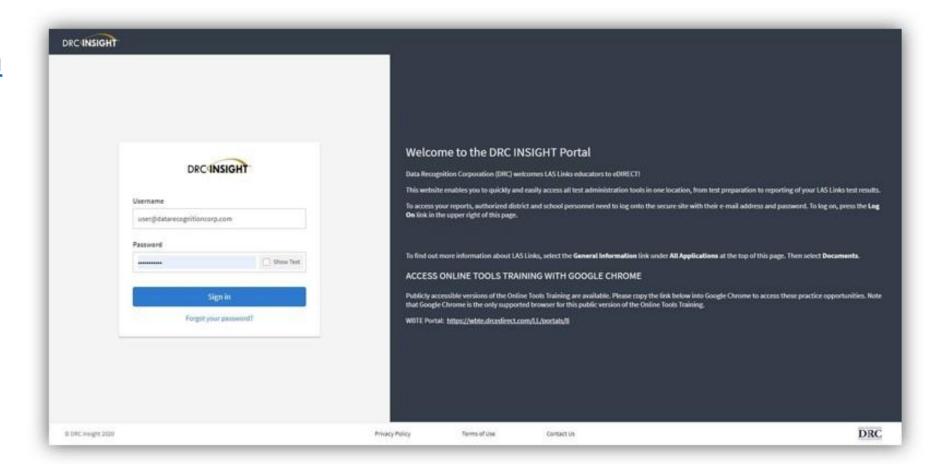
# **Accessing the DRC INSIGHT Portal**



#### **Bookmark:**

www.drcedirect.com

Use the <u>DRC</u>
<u>INSIGHT Portal</u> for Test Administration functions such as recording student accommodations, printing test tickets, and viewing reports.



### Portal Activation Email for New ELACs

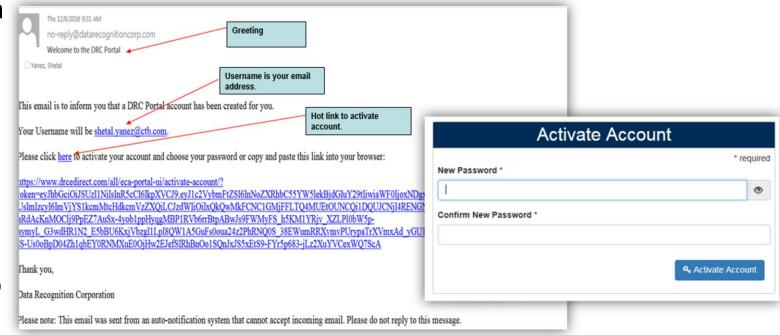


#### For New ELAC Accounts

 You will receive a portal activation email from

#### no-reply@datarecognitioncorp.com

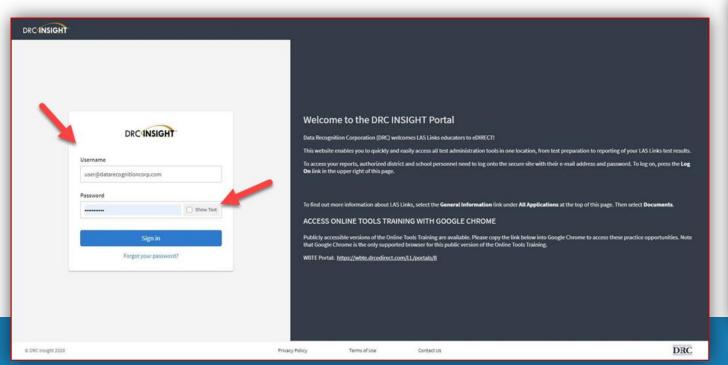
- Check your clutter/spam if you do not find the email in your district inbox
- The Subject line will say "Welcome to the DRC Portal"
- 3. Your username is your district email address
- 4. Select the long link in the email to activate account
- 5. The link will take you to a new window to enter a new password and confirm password, then select "Activate Account"



# Logging into the Portal



- Click on "Forgot your password?" if unable to locate your welcome email or have forgotten your password.
- Your Username is your district email address.
- If the system does not recognize you as a User, please contact the CSDE as you may need to be added as a new ELAC.







**Training Part 1:**Pre-Test Activities

Activity 2:

Rostering/Registering Students in the DRC INSIGHT Portal



# Rostering/Registering Students



CSDE provides automatic nightly rostering of students into DRC INSIGHT Portal

- Only students who are indicated as EL/ML in the PSIS Registration Module will be uploaded
- Make sure students identified as EL/ML are reported into the state database
- Check student demographics
- Only students identified as Special Education or Section 504 in PSIS are eligible for accommodations

### Do not add students to the DRC INSIGHT Portal manually

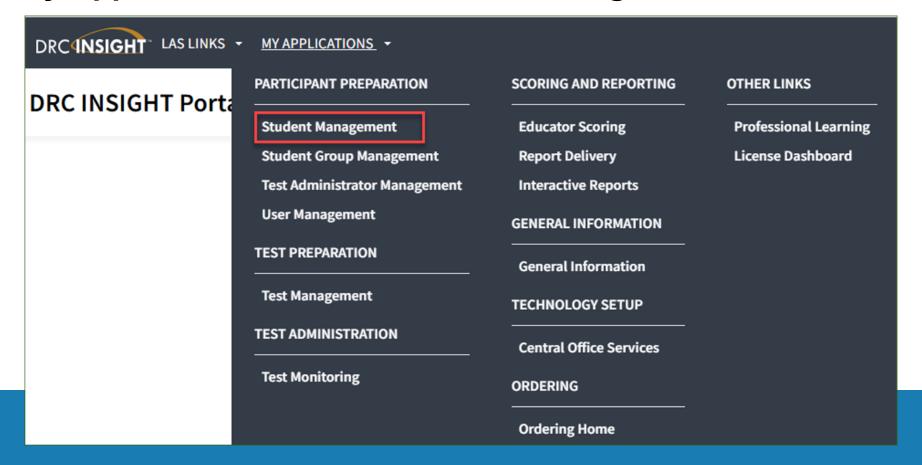
- Causes possible errors in data
- CSDE provides DRC a daily file of accurate student information

# **Viewing Rostered Students**



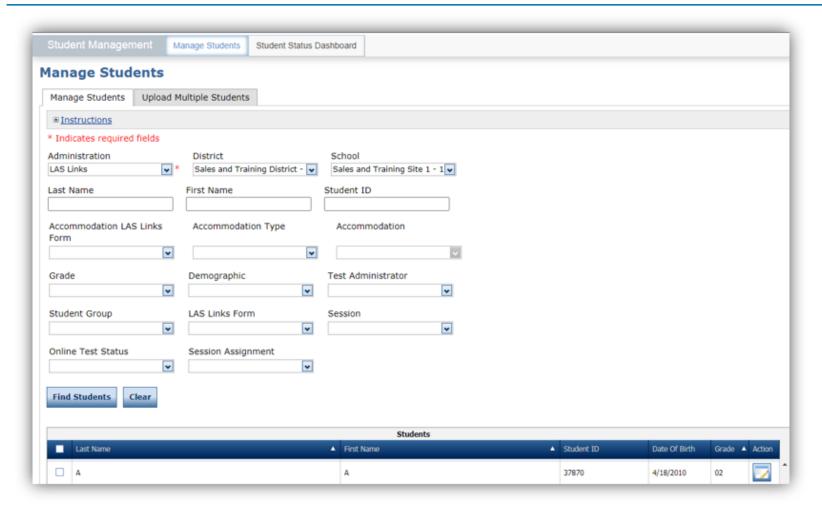
#### To view rostered students:

- From the DRC INSIGHT Portal
- Select "My Applications", Select "Student Management"



# Finding a Student





- To see a roster of all students rostered in DRC INSIGHT
  - Choose "All" from the drop-down menu
- To see a roster of all students at a school
  - Choose "School" from the dropdown menu
- 3. To find a particular student:
  - Fill the one or more of the search fields (i.e., Name and/or Student ID)
- 4. Click Find Students
- 5. Roster will appear below

# **Creating Optional Student Groups**



- 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 <u>DRC INSIGHT</u> <u>LAS Links Portal User Guide</u> for further direction on creating student groups.



**Training Part 1:**Pre-Test Activities

Activity 3:
Managing Test
Sessions



### **DRC Creates Test Sessions**



#### DRC will create test sessions for all schools within each district

- The process will start with the first PSIS student file submitted to DRC in November 2025 and will continue nightly throughout the testing window
- DRC will create one test session per school and per grade
- All students will be added to the corresponding test session with all 4 LAS Links domains already selected
- New/updated students will be added to existing test sessions during the test window

### Can districts edit any of the test session information?

- Yes, ELACs can modify test sessions created by DRC
- ELACs can add test sessions but it is strongly recommended that ELACs use DRC-created test sessions to make sure all students are assigned 4 domains for testing

### **Review of the Test Session Process**

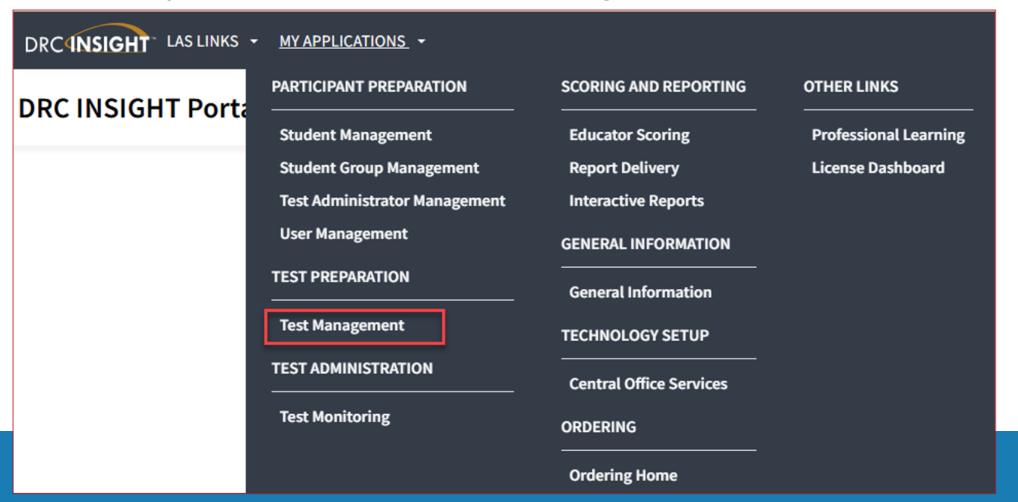


- 1. If students have accommodations, record them prior to testing
  - Go to Student Management
  - Find Students
  - Record student accommodations (see Activity 4)
- 2. Find Test Sessions
  - Go to Test Management
  - Select the school and Show Sessions
  - Find the test session for the grade you want to test
- 3. Print test tickets
- 4. Students may begin testing once the test window opens

# **Test Management**



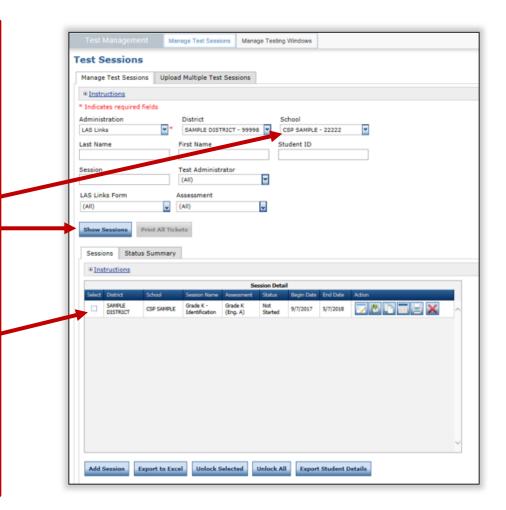
- DRC INSIGHT Portal
  - Select "My Applications," Select "Test Management"



# Finding a DRC Created Test Session



- 1. Select Manage Test Session Tab
- 2. Fill in required information
  - In the Administration drop down option, select LAS Links
- 3. Select the appropriate school in the drop-down option
- 4. Click "Show Sessions."
- 5. Session Details are shown
  - There will be one test session per grade in that school



# **Enhanced Security with the Test Monitoring Application (optional)**

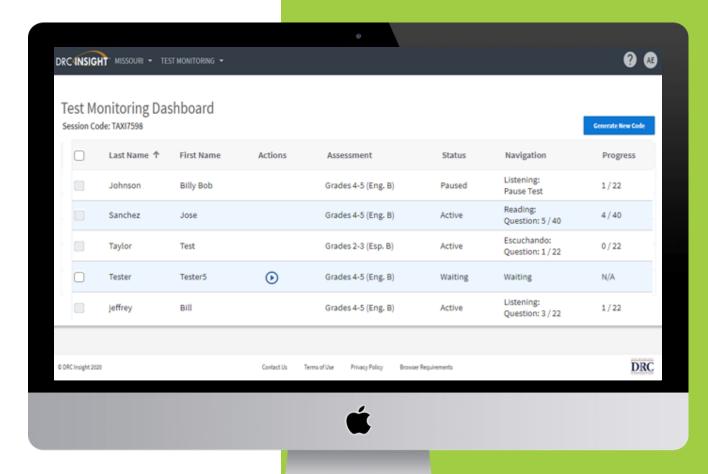


The Test Monitoring Application (TMA) allows test administrators to control access to the testing app and securely monitor participants' testing status in real-time.

#### Benefits of TMA:

- Students cannot test at home
- Students who remember their username/password cannot test without supervision
- TA's can see how students are progressing through the test on their dashboard

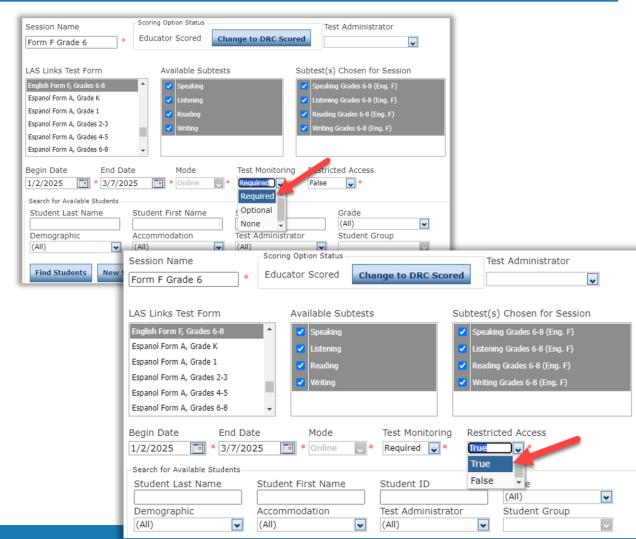
For more detailed guidance on the TMA go the DRC INSIGHT portal under General Information>> Documents>> Connecticut Specific Resources



## Adding TMA to DRC-created Test Sessions



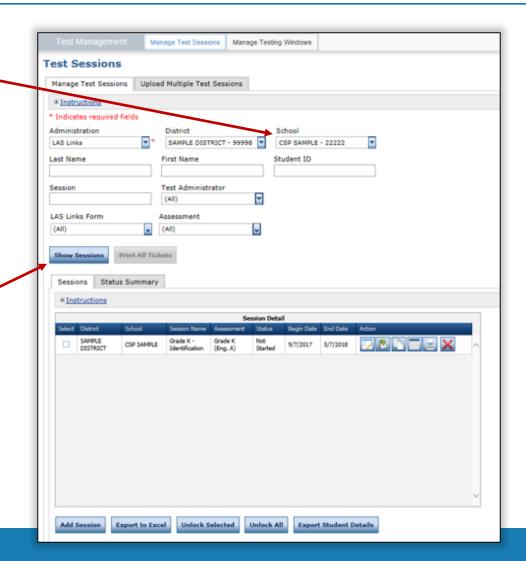
- Find the Test Session for each school and grade
- 2. Test Monitoring drop down will default to none but choose required or optional if you would like to use TMA.
  - Required: student must have a code to enter the test
  - Optional: Student, although prompted for a code, will not be required to enter one
- 3. The Restricted Access will default to "False". Change this to True so the student(s) may not access the test until the TA has granted access during testing.



### **ELAC Created Test Sessions**



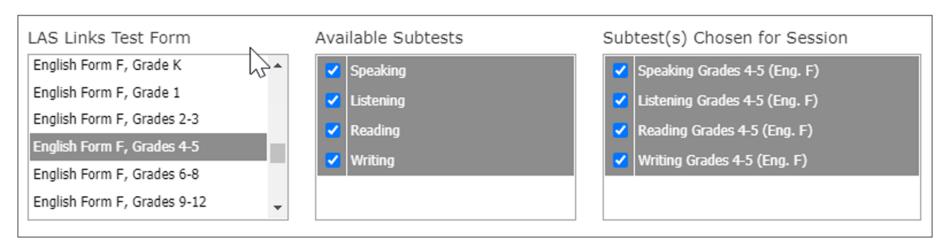
- ELACs can create new test sessions.
- Since DRC is creating test sessions for all students loaded in PSIS, before Adding a Test Session do the following:
- "Show Sessions" first.
- This will ensure you don't duplicate students in a test session.
- Students should appear in a single test session only. We will not be able to merge domains after testing.



# **Important Test Sessions Reminders**



- 1. Students must be in ONE test session only
- 2. All four subtests MUST be contained in the same session in order to generate Overall scores



- 3. Use DRC-created test sessions to avoid irregularities and appeals
- 4. If you've created a test session in error, contact LAS Links Help Desk at 866.282.2250.



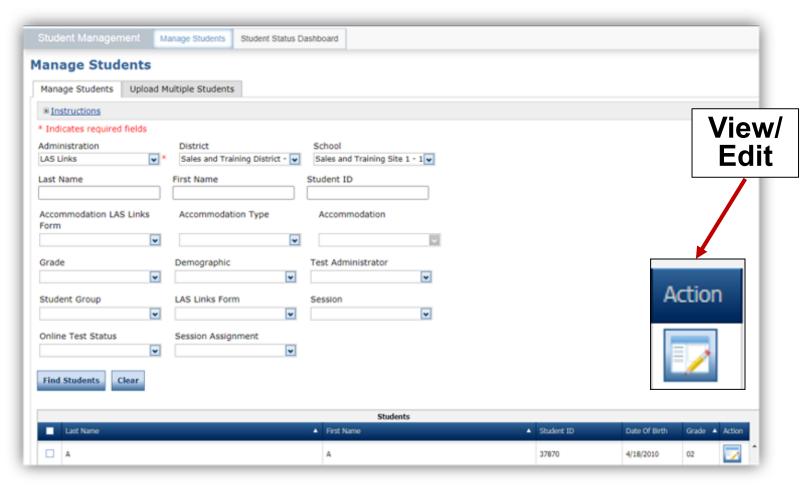
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Activity 4:
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Accommodations



### Finding a Student to Record an Accommodation



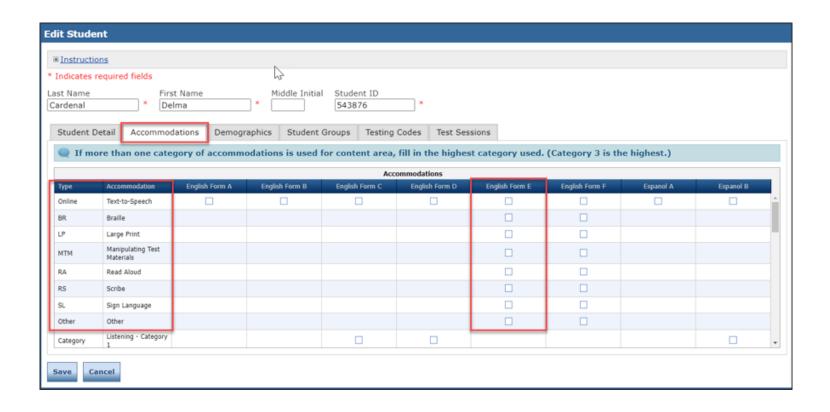


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# **Recording Accommodations**



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



NOTE: Follow CSDE policies when entering student accommodations described in the LAS Links Test Administration Manual



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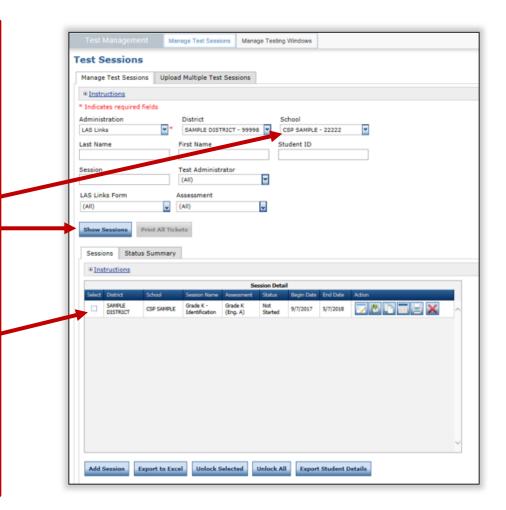
Activity 5: Printing Test Tickets



# Finding an Existing Test Session



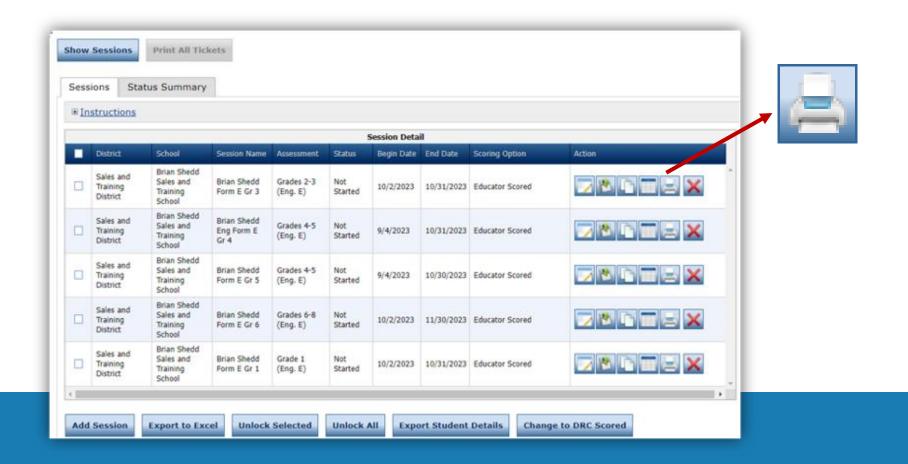
- 1. Select Manage Test Session Tab
- 2. Fill in required information
  - In the Administration drop down option, select LAS Links
- 3. Select the appropriate school in the drop-down option
- 4. Click "Show Sessions."
- 5. Session Details are shown
  - There will be one test session per grade in that school



### **Generating Test Tickets Print All/Print Selected**



To print all of the test tickets for the students in a test session, click the Print All Tickets icon in the Action column of the Sessions Detail window for the test session.



### **Test Tickets**



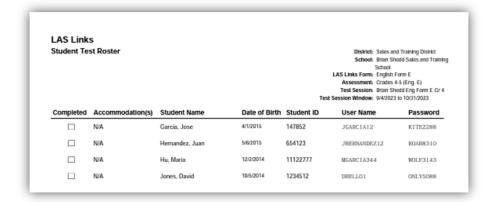
Administrator will generate a Test Ticket that includes:

#### **Student Roster is for the Administrator**

- Entire roster of students taking that test session
- Students' name, date of birth, student ID, username and password credentials

#### Test Ticket is for the Student

- Contains the test form, accommodations, student ID, username and password credentials
- Note: there is one test ticket for 4 subtests
- Test tickets are secure materials and should be stored in a locked drawer or cabinet
- You will need to collect test tickets and store them securely after each subtest is administered



LAS Links Online Test Ticket English Form E - Grades 4-5 (Eng. E)		LAS Links Online Test Ticket English Form E - Grades 4-5 (Eng. E)	
Jose Garcia		Juan Hernandez	
Date of Birth:	4/1/2015	Date of Birth:	5/6/2015
Accommodation(s):	N/A	Accommodation(s):	N/A
Test Session Name:	Brian Shedd Eng Form E Gr 4	Test Session Name:	Brian Shedd Eng Form E Gr 4
Student ID:	147852	Student ID:	654123
Username:	JGARCIA12	Username:	JHERNANDEZ12
Password:	KITE2288	Password:	ROAR8310
LAS Links Online Test Ticket		LAS Links Online Test Ticket	
English Form Maria	E - Grades 4-5 (Eng. E)	English Form David	E - Grades 4-5 (Eng. E)
Maria Hu		Jones	
Date of Birth:	12/2/2014	Date of Birth:	10/5/2014
Accommodation(s):	N/A	Accommodation(s):	N/A
Test Session Name:	Brian Shedd Eng Form E Gr 4	Test Session Name:	Brian Shedd Eng Form E Gr 4
Student ID:	11122777	Student ID:	1234512
Username:	MGARCIA344	Username:	DHELLO1
Password:	WOLF3143	Password:	ONLY5088



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### Resources



- CT DRC LAS Links Webpage
- LAS Links Test Administration Manual
- LAS Links Portal User Guide
- LAS Links Training Videos
- English Language Proficiency Assessment LAS Links CSDE Document page

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# **DRC Support**



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