

# A Comprehensive System for Assessing English Language Proficiency



- K-12 Assessments Placement Tests
- Instructional Guidance Staff Development

# Connecting Assessment, Language, and Learning

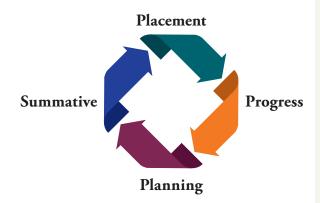
- Place K-12 students accurately
- Administer annual Title III assessment
- Maintain your longitudinal results
- Measure progress throughout the year
- Measure social and academic language skills
- Engage student interest
- Integrate ELL strategies and teaching activities to strengthen classroom learning
- Include sight-impaired students

Discover LAS Links—a comprehensive, research-based language assessment system, developed by ELL assessment experts that links assessment, language, and learning for all English language learners. LAS Links offers engaging, culturally relevant content and teaching activities that motivate students and provide strategies for teachers. Teachers are now able to link assessment results to teaching activities that help bring language success to every student.

# LAS Links—The Ideal Solution for Every Student

- Surveys the reading, writing, listening, speaking, and comprehension skills of English language learners in Grades K-12
- Meets all Title III requirements
- Test items align to Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) standards
- Corresponds to the requirements of College and Career Readiness Standards
- Empowers teachers to monitor student progress throughout the year and enhance instruction at all levels of learning
- Measures proficiency levels Beginning through Advanced





## CONTINUUM OF EFFECTIVE MEASUREMENT

### Placement

Accurately place all students into appropriate instructional levels

## **Planning**

Plan lessons that are tailored to the needs of all ELL students

## **Progress**

Measure students' progress toward state standards and tailor instruction accordingly

## **Summative**

Measure and report student language proficiency annually

# **Discover LAS Links today!**

Accurately assess each student's literacy needs and empower teachers with the information and training they need to reach every English language learner. LAS Links is the ideal solution to help educators link every student to language success—inside and outside the classroom.

#### Summative Assessments

The LAS Links assessment measures speaking, listening, reading, and writing for each of the following grade spans: K–1, 2–3, 4–5, 6–8, and 9–12. LAS Links provides a measurement of comprehension skills in academic and social English across each language domain. It measures a wide range of skills in each domain efficiently and quickly, and reports on important aspects of the English language proficiency of students. It blends the assessment of English proficiency with academic language knowledge, using vocabulary that is needed for success in school.

#### **Placement Tests**

The LAS Links Placements Test is designed to support initial identification and placement in instructional programs for newly enrolled students. The 30-minute test assesses speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

#### Instructional Guidance

LAS Links Instructional Guidance lesson plans make it easy for you to connect test results with the most appropriate instruction for each student. Content and activities are targeted to specific core academic subjects as well as grade and proficiency levels while the Observational Checklist and Writing Rubrics help you monitor student progress with ease.

## **Professional Development**

On-site and comprehensive training sessions are available for LAS Links, LAS Links Online, and LAS Links Español, including modules for benchmarks, placement tests, and Instructional Guidance materials. A Staff Development DVD, which can be purchased individually or for group training sessions, demonstrates how to make the most of language proficiency assessment results by linking assessment to instruction. The LAS Links Interpretation Guide describes how to interpret LAS Links test results, helping educators to successfully enhance classroom teaching.

To learn more about the LAS Links suite of products, please visit LASLinks.com or call DRC at 800.538.9547.

