

CSDE: Assessment Updates

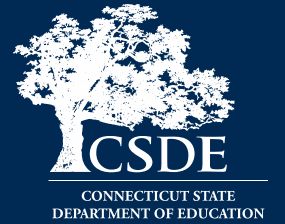


February 2, 2024

Connecticut State Department of Education



LAS Links and CAAELP Dates



LAS Links	Accommodations Entry open in DRC INSIGHT Portal for ELACs	December 4, 2023- March 1, 2024
CAAELP	Connecticut Alternate Assessment System Eligibility Form Verification in CT-SEDS	Fully Implemented IEP by December 29, 2023
LAS Links/ CAAELP	ELs/MLs Eligible for the Alternate Assessment Form 2023-24	November 15, 2023- December 22, 2023
LAS Links	Domain Exemption Registration	November 15, 2023- December 22, 2023
CAAELP	Domain Exemption—In TIDE	November 15, 2023- March 22, 2024
LAS Links	Last day for orders of the Accommodated/Paper Form Order Submission	February 2, 2024
LAS Links	Final date to request completed District Accommodated/Paper Form UPS Pick-up to send to DRC for processing	February 23, 2024



Testing Windows



- The LAS Links testing window is January 2, 2024, through March 1, 2024.
- The CAAELP testing window is February 1, 2024, through March 29, 2024.



LAS Participation Updates



	1/17	1/24	1/31
Completed at least one subtest	32.0%	51.9%	71.1%
Completed all four subtests	8.5%	20.8%	38.1%
Completed Listening	23.6%	42.3%	61.6%
Completed Speaking	17.5%	33.2%	51.0%
Completed Reading	17.7%	36.6%	57.5%
Completed Writing	13.0%	28.7%	48.6%



LAS Participation Rates



Grade	Completed at least one subtest			Completed all four subtests		
	1/17	1/24	1/31	1/17	1/24	1/31
K-1	39.9%	60.2%	77.1%	10.1%	22.9%	40.5%
2-3	35.5%	58.7%	80.1%	6.1%	21.1%	41.4%
4-5	33.0%	53.7%	74.8%	5.1%	15.2%	31.3%
6-8	30.6%	49.0%	67.0%	7.4%	20.2%	35.0%
9-12	23.5%	40.4%	59.7%	12.6%	22.8%	41.1%



LAS Appeals



Appeals



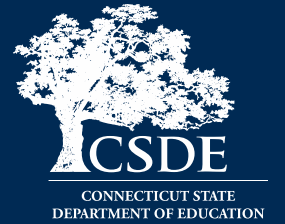
- If a proctor provides or modifies student answers or uses secure test materials inappropriately, the ELAC should contact the Student Assessment Office immediately at 860-713-6860.
- If an irregularity occurs:
 - The ELAC submits an appeal in the [Appeals Submission Survey](#).
 - ELACs are notified when the request is completed. Or, if more information is required, the ELAC may need to fax or email a signed letter on district/school letterhead to Performance Office Irregularities at 860-713-7033 or to Cristi.Alberino@ct.gov before the appeal can be approved. **Use the student's SASID – not their name.**
 - **Please stop testing the student in all domains** until the appeal is approved!
- More information is available in Appendix B of the 2023-24 [LAS Links TAM](#)



Accommodated/Paper Materials



Accommodated/Paper Materials Order Form – Form E



- Order Form – Form E
- Expect materials to arrive separately
- Test Coordinator Kit Materials for the return of completed tests are shipped from the DRC Maple Grove, MN office
- Test Materials are shipped from the DRC Brooklyn Park, MN office

Connecticut 2024 LAS Links
Accommodated/Paper Materials Order Form
Order Window - November 13, 2023 - February 2, 2024
Orders received by December 15, 2023, will arrive in district by January 5, 2024.
Orders received by December 22, 2023, will arrive in district by January 12, 2024.
Enter your District Facility Code in the District Code* box to auto-populate the District and ELAC information
**(Click on District Code link to lookup)*

Shipping and District Information

Name (ELAC Receiver): <input type="text"/>		Title: <input type="text" value="EL Assessment Coordinator"/>
District Code: <input type="text"/>		Shipping Address: <input type="text"/>
District Name: <input type="text"/>		City: <input type="text"/>
Phone: <input type="text"/>	EXT: <input type="text"/>	State: <input type="text" value="CT"/>
Email Address: <input type="text"/>		Zip Code: <input type="text"/>

Order Date:

SECTION I: DISTRICT ENROLLMENTS

The 2024 LAS Links paper form will ONLY be provided for the following English learners/multilingual learners:

- Students entered into the Public School Information System (PSIS) who have an active Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan indicating a need for a paper test form, a braille form, or a large print form due to a disability.
- Students entered in PSIS who are being educated out of state.
- Students enrolled in Approved Private Special Education Programs (APSEPs) without access to the online LAS Links testing platform.

NOTE: The need to test via paper/pencil will be monitored closely by CSDE.

Enrollment by Grade

****PLEASE INDICATE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTING WITH PAPER WITHIN YOUR DISTRICT IN THE TABLE PROVIDED BELOW****

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Paper/Pencil													

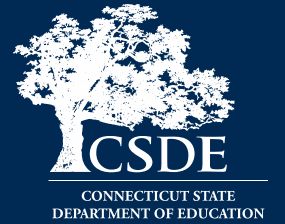
SECTION II: Paper TEST MATERIALS

Base your order request on the number of **individual students** who will be assessed with the paper form.

QTY	ISBN	Item Description	UNIT
	C6403105	Grades K-1, LAS Links Form E Student Answer Booklet	10/pkg.
	C6405001	Grades K-1, LAS Links Form E Examiner's Guide	Each
	C6403601	Grades K-1, LAS Links Form E Cue Picture Book	Each



Student Answer Book Checks

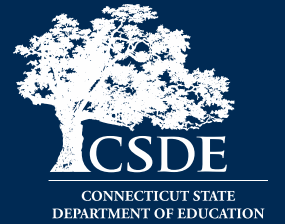


Make sure to check the following before shipping materials to DRC for scoring:

- ✓ District/school label is affixed on front page of student answer book
- ✓ Student-Identifying Information is complete
- ✓ Applicable fields (Special Ed, Accommodations, Special Codes) are filled according to CSDE guidelines
- ✓ Items on the Speaking test have been scored and circles are filled in
- ✓ Circles that students intended to mark are filled in completely
- ✓ Stray pencil marks are completely erased
- ✓ Accommodated Braille and Large Print responses are transferred to standard student answer book



Accommodated/Paper Test Form Return Procedures



Follow directions in the Test Administration Manual to pack materials:

- Affix District/School label on all answer books
- Place student answer books in shipping box
- Attach DRC School Identification Label
- Attach a UPS Pre-Paid Return Shipping Label
- Include unused secure materials

Deadline for pick-up is February 23, 2024

- Call UPS at 1-866-857-1501 to arrange for the pickup of test documents
- Specify that you are using pre-paid UPS Ground Return Labels



LAS Links Accessibility Chart



LAS Links Accessibility Chart



Universal Tools Available to All Students		Accommodations Available to Students with an IEP or Section 504 Plan		Key + Individual Test Setting
Embedded	Non-Embedded	Embedded	Non-Embedded	
Color Choices	Breaks	LAS Links Text-to-Speech (TTS) for the Reading Domain (Passages and Item Prompts)	LAS Links Read Aloud for the Reading Domain (Passages and Item Prompts) + ~ # ★	~ Requires Trained Educator
Color Contrast	Separate Setting	#	LAS Links Braille Booklet +	# Requires Documented Evidence Guidelines to be completed
Cross-Off			LAS Links Large Print Booklet +	★ Requires Security/Confidentiality Agreement
Highlighter			LAS Links Accommodated Paper Test Form +	
Sticky Notes			Alternate Response Option/Manipulating Test Materials + ★	
Line Guide			LAS Links Scribe + ~	Refer to the CSDE Assessment Guidelines for detailed information on universal tools, supports, and accommodations.
Magnifier			LAS Links Human Signer/Visual Support +	
Mark for Review/Flag (Reading and Writing)			LAS Links Directions and Item Prompts Only Accommodation for the Reading Domain and Writing Domain + ~ ★	
Masking				
Reverse Contrast				



LAS Links and CT-SEDS



LAS Links and CT-SEDS



- Accommodations are now populating for Grades K-12
- Accommodations for LAS Links Assessment (ELP) are now a one-to-one correspondence to the LAS Links TAM
- Reminder that each grade assessed for the duration of the IEP must be checked.

Assessment
ELP - Grade 5

Category
ELP

Designated Supports and Accommodations

<input type="checkbox"/> LAS Links Accommodated/Paper Form (Non-Embedded Accommodation)	<input type="checkbox"/> LAS Links Alternate Response Option/Manipulating Test Materials (Non-Embedded Accommodation)
<input type="checkbox"/> LAS Links Braille Booklet (Non-Embedded Accommodated Paper Form)	<input type="checkbox"/> LAS Links Human Signer/Visual Support (Non-Embedded Accommodation)
<input type="checkbox"/> LAS Links Large Print Booklet (Non-Embedded Accommodated Paper Form)	<input type="checkbox"/> LAS Links Read Aloud for the Reading Domain (Passages and Item Prompts) and Writing Domain (Directions and Item Prompts) (Non-Embedded Accommodation)
<input type="checkbox"/> LAS Links Read Aloud of Directions and Item Prompts Only; Accommodation for the Reading Domain and Writing Domain (Non-Embedded Accommodation)	<input type="checkbox"/> LAS Links Scribe (Non-Embedded Accommodation)
	<input type="checkbox"/> LAS Links Text to Speech for the Reading Domain (Passages and Item Prompts) (Embedded Accommodation)

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What grade will the student be in during the next statewide assessment testing window?

5th Grade

6th Grade

English Language Proficiency Assessment is required for all English Learners Grades K-12.

Has the student been identified as an English Learner?

Yes

Yes



Trainings



LAS Links Trainings



All LAS Links trainings are located on the [Connecticut DRC LAS Links Website](#), under the heading **2023-2024 CSDE LAS Links English Learner Assessment Coordinator (ELAC) Training**.

For your convenience, below are the linked resources.

- [**CSDE Policies \(CSDE Policies Video\)**](#)
- [**Online Pre-Test Activities \(Online Pre-Test Activities Video\)**](#)
- [**Accessibility Guidelines \(Accessibility Guidelines Video\)**](#)
- [**Online During Testing Activities \(Online During Testing Activities Video\)**](#)
- [**Online Post-Test Activities \(Online Post-Test Activities Video\)**](#)
- [**Online Student Experience \(Online Student Experience Video\)**](#)
- [**Accommodated Paper Test Administration \(Accommodated Paper Test Administration Video\)**](#)



CAAELP Training



- Training Modules are separate from the CTAA and CTAS training.
- Training is mandated for any educator administering the CAAELP.
- Separate training modules are available for ELACs and TEAs.
- Must be completed each school year.
- CAAELP Training is accessed through [ELPA21](#).
- Certificate is maintained locally through a process determined by the district.
- Training is recommended for ELACs, DAs, and Special Education Administrators and/or Coaches.

Additional training available: [CAAELP Office Hours](#)



CAAELP Training Resources



- Training is online at [ELPA 21](#).
- District Verification code is elpa21.

Resources:

- [CAAELP Training Announcement](#)
- [Directions for Accessing CAAELP Online Training for New Users](#)
- [Directions for Accessing CAAELP Online Training for Returning Users](#)
- [CAAELP Accessibility and Accommodations Manual](#)
- [Connecticut Alternate Assessment of English Language Proficiency \(CAAELP\) Test Administration Manual](#)
- [2023-24 Connecticut Alternate Assessment System Early Stopping Rule](#)



CAAELP



Connecticut Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment (CAAELP)



Who should be designated to administer the CAAELP?

Educators or test administrators are:

- Determined by the district;
- Those who support ELs/MLs;
- Those who support special education; or
- Both special education and educators/administrators supporting EL/ML.

CAAELP Domain Exemptions

Domain Exemptions are available on the Listening and/or Speaking subtests for the following students:

- If a student is identified as Deaf or hard of hearing, they may not be able to participate in the Listening subtest due to this disability.
- Students who are non-verbal and, even when provided assistive technology or augmentative and alternate communication supports, may not be able to participate in the Speaking subtest.

Domain Exemptions are submitted by the District Administrator (DA) in TIDE between **November 15, 2023, through March 22, 2024.**



English Language Proficiency Resources



CAAELP Resources Main Page CSDE

- [CAAELP Resources CAI Portal page](#)
- [Connecticut Alternate Assessment System Eligibility Form](#)
- [Comparison of LAS Links and CAAELP](#)
- [Directions for Accessing CAAELP Online Training for New Users](#)
- [CAAELP Accessibility and Accommodations Manual](#)
- [Connecticut Alternate Assessment of English Language Proficiency \(CAAELP\) Test Administration Manual](#)
- [CAAELP Domain Exemptions](#)

Connecticut DRC LAS Links Website

- [LAS Links Accessibility Chart](#)
- [LAS Links Reader Options Table](#)
- [LAS Links Decision Guidelines for Text-to-Speech Accommodation for the Reading Domain](#)
- [LAS Links Documented Evidence for a Read Aloud Accommodation for the Reading Domain](#)
- [LAS Links Read Aloud Accommodation Guidelines and Security/Confidentiality Agreement](#)
- [LAS Links Scribe Accommodation – Protocol and Security/Confidentiality Form](#)



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Thank you!

