

## TELPAS/TELPAS ALT FAQs

TELPAS/TELPAS ALT	<b>Which Oath do we use for TELPAS/TELPAS Alt?</b>	The general state oath is used for TELPAS/TELPAS Alt?
	<b>For newcomers who have been in the school district less than a year, do they count a calendar year or school year towards exemptions from testing for TELPAS?</b>	For TELPAS all students will test including newcomers because TELPAS is a language acquisition test not a measurement of academic ability.
	<b>Where can I find a student's LEP Status?</b>	Students who are EL should be listed on your campus EL Placement roster. You may verify LEP status for a student within PowerSchool by searching for a student and selecting the tab "English Learner". In MyData Portal, EL status is listed on the student's standard profile.
	<b>I have a EL student who needs to take TELPAS/TELPAS ALT, but they are not showing in the system. What do I do?</b>	Request students to be added/removed for TELPAS testing using this link: <a href="http://scbpaswmsas01/APSEA">http://scbpaswmsas01/APSEA</a> A user video has been created as a guide on how to submit a request. The video is posted under Coordinator Resources > Social Media and Live Recordings > Assessment Correction Form.
TELPAS-Holistic Writing	<b>Where do I find calibration codes?</b>	The DISD assessment team will email calibration codes on Friday at 10 AM for the upcoming week. The codes will be emailed to the lead TC.
	<b>If teachers successfully calibrated last year, do they have to calibrate this year?</b>	Yes, raters must successfully pass calibrations each year. Calibrations must be monitored, and raters must complete independently.
	<b>Can you do set 1 and set 2 calibration the same day?</b>	No, if raters fail calibration set 1, they should go back and complete online basic training before returning on another day to attempt the final calibration set 2.
	<b>For the validity study, when the other teacher validates the writing sample, do they sign as the additional rater?</b>	Yes, they will sign as the additional rater.
TELPAS-Online Assessments	<b>Can Chromebooks be used for TELPAS?</b>	Yes, Chromebooks can be used.
	<b>For TELPAS do I have to switch teachers for the online assessments?</b>	Yes, teachers of record may not serve as online administrators for their students.
	<b>If a new student enrolls during TELPAS window, am I responsible for having the student to complete reading, listening, and speaking online?</b>	As listed in your TC planner for month of Feb. Students who enroll <b>BEFORE (the start of the TELPAS window) Feb 24-</b> receiving campus is responsible for ALL TELPAS assessments. Students who withdraw <b>ON or AFTER Feb 24-</b> the receiving campus is only responsible for the 2-12 online test (if the tests were not already been administered)

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		<p>**Please note, sending campus is responsible for submitting the holistic ratings.</p> <p><b>K-1: Do not take any action.</b> A K-1 student who enrolls on or after February 24 is not considered enrolled for TELPAS. Do not conduct holistic ratings for students who enroll on or after February 24.</p>
	<p><b>If a student is 504 or SPED and has oral administration accommodations, we still cannot provide reading assistance or read the test questions or answer choices?</b></p>	<p>In the test administrator manual page 11, it states: The following procedures are not permitted, as they may invalidate the test. ■ Students may not receive reading assistance. ■ Students may not use English-language or foreign-language reference materials. ■ Test questions, reading selections, and listening passages may not be translated. ■ Test questions, answer choices, and selections may not be rephrased, clarified, or read to students.</p>
	<p><b>How early can we start printing the session tickets for TELPAS?</b></p>	<p>Once you prepare your sessions (one week prior to testing) you may print your session roster and student tickets. Make sure to prepare your sessions prior to printing test tickets.</p>
	<p><b>When do I stop my sessions?</b></p>	<p>It is recommended that you stop sessions at the end of the TELPAs window, that way if new students come to your campus and have to take an online assessment, you can just add them to the session that has already been created rather than having to create a new session.</p>
	<p><b>Do we need seating charts? Can we create our own?</b></p>	<p>Yes, you may create a seating chart based on your lab arrangements, however you must ensure that the required heading information listed on the DISD general seating chart is captured on the seating chart you create.</p>
<b>TELPAS ALT</b>	<p><b>What training do TELPAS Alt teachers need? Do they calibrate?</b></p>	<p>TELPAS Alt teachers should be trained used the PowerPoint supplied by the assessment department. TELPAS Alt teachers do not need to calibrate.</p>
	<p><b>Do I need to create sessions for TELPAS Alt?</b></p>	<p>No, please refer to the “Navigating Pearson Access Next” PowerPoint found on our assessment website.</p>
	<p><b>Do all 40 observable behaviors have to be completed in order to submit the test?</b></p>	<p>Yes, all 40 observable behaviors must be completed, or the system will not be able to score the assessment.</p>
	<p><b>What if I need more copies of the Observable Behavior Sheets?</b></p>	<p>Per manual page 14, the manual is accompanied by three standalone copies of the Observable Behaviors forms. If additional copies are needed, you may remove the copy from the manual, or use a standalone copy to make photocopies.</p>
	<p><b>Are seating charts required for TELPAS ALT?</b></p>	<p>No, TELPAS Alt is a holistically rated test based on teacher observation using the Observable Behaviors.</p>