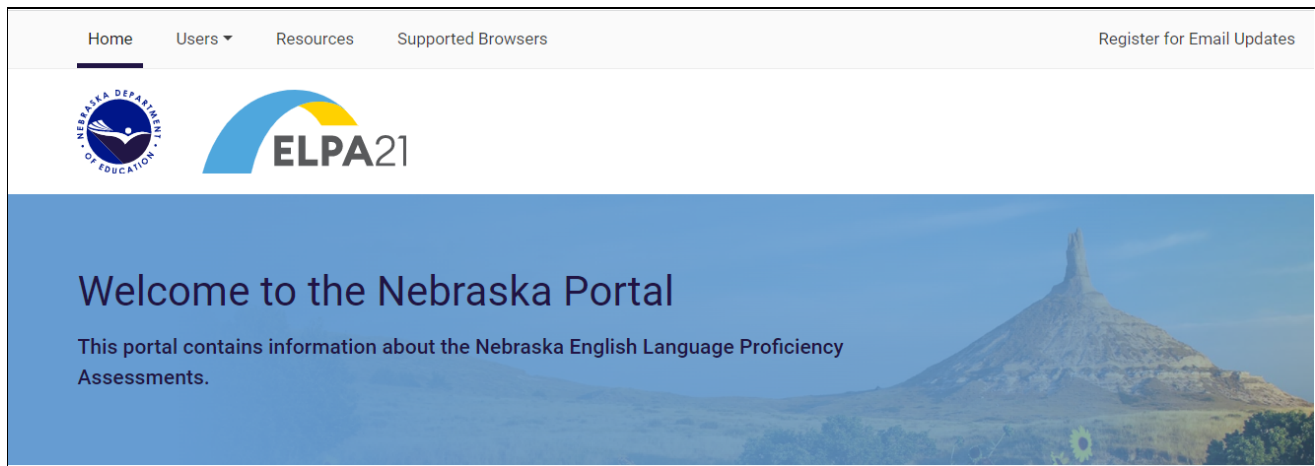




English Learners Newsletter

December 2021



The statewide assessment for English learners in Nebraska is the ELPA21 Summative. This assessment is given between February and April each year. The results of this assessment give us information about the growth and proficiency of our English learners in our state. Resources are available on the [Nebraska ELPA21 Portal](#).

2021-2022 ELPA21 Important Dates

- January 11, 2022 – NDE data pull for ELPA21 summative testing. All ELs should be identified in your SIS.
- January 24 – March 7, 2022 – Window to order paper, large print, Braille tests
- February 7 – March 18, 2022 – ELPA21 Summative Window
- February 21 – April 7, 2022 – Enter Reason Not Tested Codes
- Early May, 2022 Summative scores available
- After June 30, 2022 – Redesignate as English Fluent any ELs who tested proficient.

ELPA21 Enrichment Activities(Opportunities for Practice)

[Rubrics Folder](#)

[K-3 Enrichment Activities](#)

[3-5 Enrichment Activities](#)

[6-12 Enrichment Activities](#) -

[ELPA21 Constructed Response Rubrics](#)

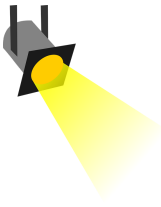
Rubrics to support the enrichment activities

- Grades 6-12 ELP 4 Construct a Claim activity([Rubrics - Level 1](#), [Level 2](#), [Level 3](#), [Level 4](#))
- Grades 6-12 ELP 3 Discuss and Write([Rubric Levels 1-4](#))
- Grades 6-12 Writing an email response and writing questions ([Rubrics](#))
- Grades 6-12 Speaking - observe and report ([Rubric](#))

ELPA21 Has Released Online Training and Resources to Help Test Administrators

- [ELPA21 Summative Online Test Administrator Modules](#)
- [ELPA21 Quick Guide for Understanding Reports](#)

Spotlight: Nebraska Teacher of the Year: Lee Perez in OPS



Alice Buffett Magnet Middle School EL Teacher: Lee Perez is an EL teacher at Alice Buffett Magnet School in Omaha for grades 5-8. He was named the Nebraska 2022 Teacher of the Year! In addition to his classroom experience, Perez is an active member in the community belonging to many organizations including the Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee, the Omaha Education Association Metro Board, the Nebraska State Education Association, and the English Learner Curriculum Pathway Committee for Omaha Public Schools. Perez has also been honored with several teaching awards and featured in several publications for his work as a teacher. In the classroom Perez has unique challenges teaching English Language Learners and he takes a comprehensive approach to reach his students by combining culturally responsive teaching and language learning engagement strategies. In doing this, Perez teaches his students a new language but also a new culture while celebrating their own backgrounds and cultures in the classroom.

[Teaching Spanish to Heritage/Bilingual Learners](#) UNO's Department of Foreign Languages and Literature is excited to announce the launch of this graduate certificate. For more information please contact C. Cecilia Tocaimaza-Hatch at ctocaimazahatch@unomaha.edu.

Free Community Dialogue, Co-Leading for ML Excellence December 14, 2021 9:00-10:15am PT

- [Click here to register, and be part of the conversation!](#)

Additional Resources

- Sign up for the [Free ELPA21 Educator toolkit](#)
- [US Department of Education Toolkit](#)
- [Monitoring Checklist Template](#)



Questions: Please contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your EL students or program.



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