

Nebraska ELPA21 Summative Assessment Guidance (2022-2023)

The ELPA21 Summative is the statewide English Language Proficiency assessment that all English learners (ELs) (K-12) take each spring. English learners must be identified in ADVISER, the state record system. The testing window for the **ELPA21 Summative Spring 2023 is February 6th – March 17th.**

Important things to know about ELPA21 summative testing:

- The vendor for the ELPA21 Summative is Cambium Assessments (CAI). All information, resources, manuals, training webinars, etc. can be found on the NE CAI portal at: <http://ne.portal.cambiumast.com/>
 - Be sure to sign up for CAI email updates on the portal by clicking “Register for email updates” on the upper-right corner of the portal, to receive updates from CAI.
 - Review **ALL** user guides and systems before testing, including the following resources:
 - [TIDE User Guide](#) (TIDE is the student and user management system)
 - [Nebraska ELPA21 TA User Guide](#) (Includes information about the Testing Delivery System)
 - [DEI User Guide](#) (Includes information about the Data Entry Interface for TAs administering the paper or braille version of the assessment)
 - [Nebraska ELPA21 Online Summative Test Administration Manual](#) (Includes directions for the practice and general test administration)
 - [ELPA21 Accessibility and Accommodations Manual](#) (Includes information about selecting and administering universal features, designated features, and accommodations for students)
- Prepare for testing:
 - **Secure browser:** Work with your technology coordinator to set up computers for ELPA21 testing. Both the test administrator and student will need a computer. A secure browser will need to be installed **on the student’s computer**. The secure browsers can be accessed on the dedicated resources page for [technology coordinators](#) on the NE ELPA21 portal.
 - **Headsets** are required for this assessment.
 - **Paper Materials:** Students may require accommodated materials such as braille, paper, and large print booklets, to take the ELPA21 summative. Initial orders for paper and braille tests for the ELPA21 summative assessment must be placed through the Help Desk by November 17, 2022 to ensure delivery to districts prior to the start of the Summative test window. There will be an additional ordering window for paper and braille tests from January 23 – March 10, 2023.
 - **Student Upload:**
 - CAI will conduct a student data upload of all **Grades K-12** students who have been identified in ADVISER as ELs on January 9, 2023. These students will be uploaded into the TIDE system in preparation for testing. All K-12 students who arrive after the upload will need to be entered manually into TIDE. The [TIDE User Guide](#) has directions on how to add students.

- Students who took the ELPA21 Screener and DID NOT qualify for EL services will not show up on your list of students unless the “English Learner Status” field in TIDE is marked ‘Yes.’ To ensure they don’t take a summative assessment, be sure their “English Learner Status” in TIDE, under the Student Demographics panel is marked as ‘No.’
- All EL students are required to test on the ELPA21 Summative. However, if a student does not take the ELPA21 Summative assessment for a variety of reasons, a “reason not tested” (RNT) code will need to be assigned to that student in TIDE. The window to enter RNT codes is February 21 – March 31, 2023.
 - Reason not tested codes can be found in the [ELPA21 TIDE User Guide](#). Any eligible student that does not test and is not assigned a reason code, will be assigned the lowest possible score for accountability purposes.
- **Practice tests:** It is very important that all students are given the opportunity to complete the practice tests before testing. Practice tests can be accessed in two ways:
 - Non-secure practice tests: The TA and student access the practice test on the homepage of the [NE ELPA21 portal](#). Credentials not required.
 - Secure-browser: This option mimics the secure testing environment. TA must create and manage tests. Students use the secure browser and enter their log-in information. Students must be in TIDE to use this practice option.
- There are two **training options** for the ELPA21 Summative Assessment:
 - i. Comprehensive online modules are available through the Iowa ELPA21 LMS. If you are new to the ELPA21 LMS, you will need to create an account in order to access the system. Instructions for doing so are provided below.
 - If you are able to sign up with a google account, find directions [here](#).
 - If you do not have a google account, find instructions to create an account in the system [here](#).Once you have created an account, you will be able to enroll in the ELPA21 Summative Assessment training. Log into your account and click on the “catalog” button and you will see the registration button to start the ELPA21 Summative Assessment training. Click "Register" and you are ready to go! If you run into any issues creating an account or enrolling in the training (after you have reviewed the instructions linked in this message), please click on the help button in the LMS and create a help ticket or email <mailto:elpa21training@aelearningonline.org>.
 - ii. Short training modules for Summative administration can be found in the Resources sections of the [NE ELPA21 portal](#) (under Training Modules). Filter for the Summative Assessment and Training Modules.

For technical assistance, contact the NE ELPA21 Help Desk:

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