



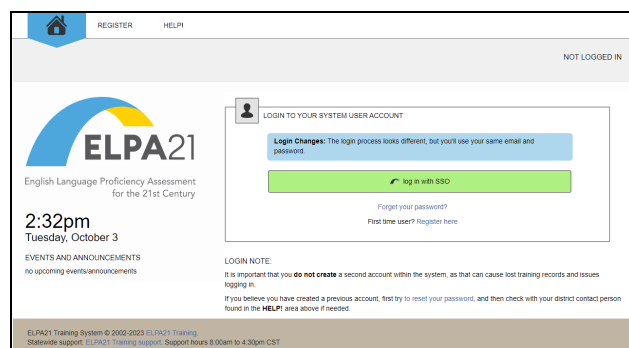
Multilingual Learners Newsletter

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Alt ELPA Assessment and Alt ELP Standards

During the school year 2021-22, Nebraska participated in the pilot of the Alt ELPA Assessment with Grand Island as the pilot district. In 2022-23, we had the field test with 132 students participating in the Alt ELPA Assessment. This year, 2023-24, is the operational test for the Alt ELPA Assessment. The Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment (Alt ELPA) is designed to measure students' English proficiency, which supports students' ability to access, engage with, and learn grade-level academic content taught in English. It was developed through the Collaborative for the Alternate Assessment of English Language Proficiency (CAAELP) project in collaboration with state and national partners. The Alt ELPA is for those students who have a significant cognitive disability and have been identified as an English learner.

ELPA21 provides [online training modules](#) for the Alt ELPA assessment as well as the screener and summative assessments. The [Nebraska Portal](#) has practice opportunities and helpful resources such as the [Alt ELPA Test Administration Manual](#), [Alt ELPA Test Delivery System Overview](#), and [the Alt ELPA Practice Test Directions and Scoring Rubrics](#).



In addition to these resources, NDE has a Community of Practice (Alt ELPA CoP) to support district leaders and staff who work with this population of students. Anyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings via zoom. More information can be found on our [One Stop Shop](#).

CAAELP CoP The Collaborative for the Alternate Assessment of English Language Proficiency Community of Practice One Stop Shop bit.ly/CAAELP		
The Collaborative for the Alternate Assessment of English Language Proficiency Community of Practice - The purpose of this group is to prepare for the Alt ELPA standards and assessment implementation.		
Important Links		
Alt ELPA CoP Meeting Schedule 23-24	Meeting Sign In Sheet 2023-24	CAAELP CoP Sign In
CAAELP CoP Meeting Schedule 23-25	CAAELP CoP Sign In	CAAELP CoP Sign In
CAAELP CoP Meeting Schedule 23-26	CAAELP CoP Sign In	CAAELP CoP Sign In
CAAELP Pilot Study Resources	CAAELP CoP Sign In	CAAELP CoP Sign In
2023-24 School Year		Agenda and Notes
October 1 st , 2023 9:30-10:30 am CT	Zoom https://education.zoom.us/j/4024027917	Alt Assessment Resources for Instructional Support, Understanding the Alt ELPA Presentation Recording
September 26, 2023 9:15-10:45 am CT	Zoom https://education.zoom.us/j/4024027917	Alt ELPA Standards, Accommodation Manual, Standards Setting and IIRs Presentation Recording

The [NDE EL Website](#) also has resources to support districts as they identify and serve this group of students. The Alt ELP Standards can be found [here](#). Individual Score Reports are now available in Reporting.

Spotlight: NDE Assessment Team and Fall Roadshow



Trudy Clark is the Director of Statewide Assessment at the NDE and she took her team across the state to share all things assessment. Cassie Seiboldt is the Assistant Director of Statewide Assessment. Maggie Sis is the assessment program coordinator and she handles all of the data across the state. Kelly Baehr (not pictured) is the newest member as the office associate. Rhonda True is the grant specialist who is strengthening science practices across the state. Aly Martinez Wilkinson is with NWEA and she is facilitating formative assessment coaching across the state. Iris Owens is the ACT representative for Nebraska and provides lots of support for districts. Polly Bowhay is the NAEP coordinator and is supporting

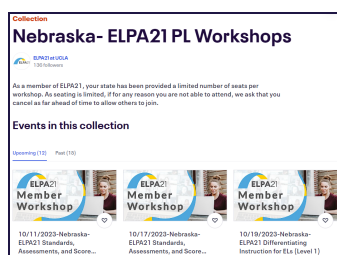
the 231 schools who will participate this year. Sharon Heater is the special education assessment liaison and shared resources to support the alt assessments. Anne Hubbell was invited as a guest speaker to talk about ELPA21 Assessments. The team went to Kearney, Scottsbluff, Lincoln, Norfolk, and Omaha. The [presentation](#) and a [recording](#) can be found on the [Statewide Assessment Website](#).

Current Assessment Presentations

[Assessment Roadshow PowerPoint](#)

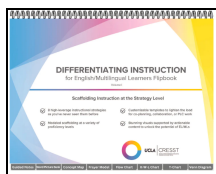
[Scottsbluff Assessment Roadshow video](#)

Guidance: The Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) within the U.S. Department of Education has published an [English Learner Tool Kit](#) with chapter 6 addressing English learners with disabilities. They identify key points such as identifying and evaluating ELs with disabilities in a timely manner and providing EL students with disabilities with both the language assistance and disability-related services they are entitled to under federal law. There are many helpful tools in this chapter of the [Tool Kit](#).



ELPA21 Free Workshops for Any Teacher or Administrator

- [Learn more and sign up!](#)



Additional Resources:

- Check out the new resources on the [NABE Store Website](#)
 - New Differentiation Flipbook, Formative Assessment Foldable, and Newcomer Toolkit

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

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