2025-26 ELPA Information

Event	Start Date	End Date
ELPA21 / Alt ELPA Screener & Practice Test	Friday, August 1, 2025	Friday, July 17, 2026
Future KG Screener	Fri, August 1, 2025	Friday, July 17, 2026
KG Screener	Mon, January 5, 2026	Friday, July 17, 2026
ELPA21 / Alt ELPA Summative	Mon, January 26, 2026	Fri, March 13, 2026

Portal Announcements and Important Dates for Nebraska 2025-26 Alt ELPA & ELPA21 Administration

Important Dates

Date	Event
June 2, 2025	Secure Browser Available
July 11, 2025	2024-25 ELPA21 Screener Test Window Closes
Late July 2025 TBD	TIDE Offline for Updates
July 25, 2025	ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener Training Modules Available
August 1, 2025	2025-26 ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener Test Window Opens (includes Future Kindergarten Screener)
August 29, 2025	Deadline to Update Secure Browser

October 30, 2025	Initial Order Window for ELPA21 Summative Paper, Large Print, and Braille Tests (via Smartsheet) Opens
November 13, 2025	Initial Order Window for ELPA21 Summative Paper, Large Print, and Braille Tests (via Smartsheet) Closes
December 1, 2025	Updated ELPA21 Summative Training Modules Available
January 5, 2026	Kindergarten ELPA21 Screener Window Opens
January 12 2026	ELPA21 Accommodated Materials Arrive in Districts
January 16, 2026	Additional Order Window for ELPA21 Summative Paper, Large Print, and Braille Tests (via Smartsheet) Opens
January 26, 2026	ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Summative Test Window Opens
January 27, 2026	Entering ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Non-Participation Codes in TIDE Window Opens
March 9, 2026	Additional Order Window for ELPA21 Summative Paper, Large Print, and Braille Tests (via Smartsheet) Closes
March 13, 2026	ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Summative Test Window Closes
March 13, 2026	Last Day to Ship ELPA21 Summative Paper Test Materials Back to MetriTech
March 30, 2026	Deadline to Enter ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Non-Participation Codes in TIDE
May 4, 2026	ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Summative Scores Released
July 17, 2026	2025-26 ELPA21 Screener Window Closes

Announcements

Announcement Posting Date	Announcement Title and Text
June 2, 2025	**Newest Version of the CAI Secure Browser Available for 2024-25 Administration** **The 2025-26 desktop Secure Browser is now available for Windows, Ubuntu, Fedora, and macOS.** **Testing devices will need to be updated to the latest version of the Secure Browser by Friday, August 29, 2024. Please refer to the [Technology Guide](#) to ensure you are able to access systems without issue. After August 29, any older versions of the desktop Secure Browser on the operating systems listed above will not be supported for testing.** **The 2024-25 Secure Browser can be downloaded from the [Secure Browsers](#) page of the Nebraska ELPA21 portal. Contact the [Nebraska ELPA21 Help Desk](#) if you encounter any issues installing the Secure Browser.**
July 11, 2025	**ELPA21 Screener Closed for 2024-25** **The ELPA21 Screener is closed for school year 2024-25. The Screener will reopen on Wednesday, August 1, 2025, to begin the 2025-26 school year.**
Late July 2025 TBD	**TIDE Offline for Updates** **TIDE will be offline for scheduled updates from xxx, through xxx.** **Returning TIDE users will be required to reset their passwords when they initially log in.**

	Please contact the **[Nebraska ELPA21 Help Desk](#)** if you have any questions.
July 25, 2025	**Updated ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener Training Modules Available** Updated ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener Training modules have been made available in the **[Resources](#)** section of the portal for Test Administrators and Test Coordinators.
July 31, 2025	**Resources for Upcoming ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener Administration** User guides, manuals, and other resources for the 2025-26 school year ELPA21 Screener and Alt ELPA Screener have been posted to the portal. Please refer to these materials to prepare for the upcoming test administration. Be sure to contact the **[Nebraska ELPA21 Help Desk](#)** if you have any questions.
August 1, 2025	**2025-26 ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener Now Available** The ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener and participation reports are now available (online, paper-pencil, and braille). Scores will be available in the reporting system within 3 business days after testing concludes. The 2025-26 Screener resources have also been posted in the **[Resources](#)** section of the portal. Please review the ELPA21 Screener and/or Alt ELPA Screener Test Administration Manual and TA User Guide for guidance on administering online ELPA21 and Alt ELPA tests. Please be sure to download the latest version of the **[Secure Browser](#)** to ensure seamless Screener testing. Please use the *Alt ELPA Screener Test Administrator Directions and Scoring Rubrics Booklets* (available via TIDE General Resources) to administer the Alt ELPA Screener tests. If you have any questions, please contact the **[Nebraska ELPA21 Help Desk](#)** for assistance.

August 25, 2025	**Reminder: 2025-26 Secure Browser Must Be Installed on Desktop Devices by August 29, 2025** **All devices running Windows, Ubuntu, Fedora, macOS 13, and iPadOS operating systems will need to be updated to the latest version of the Secure Browser by Friday, August 29, 2024. After August 29, any older versions of the desktop Secure Browser on the operating systems listed above will not be supported for testing.** **If you have any questions, please contact the [Nebraska ELPA21 Help Desk](#) for assistance.**
October 30, 2025	**Initial Material Order Window for ELPA21 Paper and Braille Summative Test Materials Now Open** **Orders for paper, large print, and braille test materials for the ELPA21 Summative assessment must be placed through the Help Desk by November 13, 2025, to ensure delivery to districts prior to the start of the ELPA21 Summative test window. To place an order, please fill out the <u>Nebraska Material Ordering</u>[KM1] form.** **An additional order window will open on January 16, 2026, until March 9, 2026.**
January 5, 2026	**ELPA21 Kindergarten Screener is Now Available** **The ELPA21 Kindergarten Screener window has now opened. For more information, please review the ELPA21 Kindergarten Screener FAQ and ELPA21 Screener Test Administration Manual under [portal resources](#).**

January 12, 2026	**ELPA21 Summative Paper and Braille Materials to Arrive in Districts by January 12, 2026** **Initial orders consisting of paper, large print, and braille materials for the ELPA21 Summative will arrive in districts by January 12, 2026. This delivery will include materials ordered through the Help Desk by November 13, 2025.** **An additional order window will open January 16, 2026.** **If materials do not arrive by these dates, please contact the [Nebraska ELPA21 Help Desk](#).**
January 26, 2026	**ELPA21 Summative and Alt ELPA Summative Tests and Participation Reports are Open** **The ELPA21 Summative and Alt ELPA Summative tests and participation reports are now open. The Summative test window for both tests ends on March 13, 2026.** **Please review the ELPA21 Summative and Alt ELPA Summative Test Administration Manual and TA User Guide under [portal resources](#) for guidance on administering ELPA21 tests. It is strongly recommended that all Test Administrators administer the ELPA21 or Alt ELPA Practice Test to their students prior to administering the Summative test so the Test Administrators and students can become familiar with the technology prior to Summative test administration.** **Please use the *Alt ELPA Test Administrator Directions and Scoring Rubrics Booklets* (available via TIDE General Resources) to administer the Alt ELPA tests.** **Contact the [Nebraska ELPA21 Help Desk](#) if you encounter any issues administering ELPA21 or Alt ELPA tests.**

March 6, 2026	**ELPA21 Summative and Alt ELPA Summative Test Windows Closing on March 13, 2026**
	The ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Summative test windows will close on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Please make sure that all students who are required to take the ELPA21 or Alt ELPA Summative assessment complete the test by that date.
	Paper test materials—including paper and large print tests, and braille test booklets—must be returned by the end of the test window. Instructions for returning paper test materials were included with the shipment of the materials. These instructions are also posted in the [Resources] section of the **portal. If you need additional return shipment labels or help with returning your paper or braille test materials, please contact the [Nebraska ELPA21 Help Desk].**
	Please note that non-participation codes should be entered in TIDE by March 30, 2026.
March 2, 2026	**Reminder: Last Day for Additional ELPA21 Orders Approaching**
	Next Monday, March 9, 2026 is the final day to place additional orders through the Nebraska Material Ordering form for ELPA21 Summative paper or braille test materials.
March 9, 2026	**Today is the final day to place additional orders through the Nebraska Material Ordering form for ELPA21 Summative paper or braille test materials.**
	Please make sure that all your orders are placed before the end of the school day.

March 13, 2026	**ELPA21 Summative and Alt ELPA Summative Test Windows Close Today** **The ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Summative test windows will close today, Friday, March 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Please make sure all students who are required to take the ELPA21 or Alt ELPA Summative complete the test by that time.** **Paper test materials—including paper and large print tests, and braille test booklets—must be returned by the end of the test window. Instructions for returning paper test materials were included with the shipment of the materials. These instructions are also posted in the [Resources](#) section of the portal. If you need additional return shipment labels or help with returning your paper or braille test materials, please contact the [Nebraska ELPA21 Help Desk](#).** **Please note that non-participation codes should be entered in TIDE by March 30, 2026.**
April 2026 TBD	**Post Title: 2025-2026 Test Administrator Survey Now Open** **The 2025–2026 ELPA21/Alt ELPA Test Administrator (TA) Survey is now open and will be available until TBD. This optional survey provides test administrators the opportunity to share their experiences administering either of the ELPA21 summative assessments in 2025-2026. ELPA21 will use the feedback received from test administrators to inform future improvements to the testing experience.** **Test administrators who complete the survey will be entered to win a free English/Multilingual Learner Educator Toolkit or Newcomer Supplement, valued at $199.** **The survey can be accessed at TBD.** **We look forward to hearing your thoughts on how we can better support you and the English learners you serve. Thank you in advance for your feedback!**

April 2026 TBD	**Post Title: 2025–2026 Test Administrator Survey Closing Soon**
	There is one week left to complete the 2025–2026 ELPA21/Alt ELPA Test Administrator (TA) Survey. This optional survey provides test administrators the opportunity to share their experiences administering either of the ELPA21 summative assessments in 2025-2026. ELPA21 will use the feedback received from test administrators to inform future improvements to the testing experience.
	Please submit your responses to be entered to win a free English/Multilingual Learner Educator Toolkit or Newcomer Supplement, valued at $199.
	The survey can be accessed at TBD.
	Your input is deeply appreciated, and we look forward to your responses. Thank you in advance for your feedback!
May 4, 2026	**ELPA21 Summative and Alt ELPA Summative Results Now Available**
	The 2025-26 ELPA21 Summative test results are now available in the Reporting System. If you have any questions about the results or viewing reports, please refer to the Reporting System User Guide on the portal or contact the Nebraska ELPA21 Help Desk.
July 10, 2026	**2025-26 ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener to Close on July 17, 2026**
	The 2025-26 ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener window will close next Friday, July 17, 2026.
	We are looking forward to the launch of the 2025-26 ELPA21 Screener in August!

July 17, 2026	**2025-26 ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener Closes Today**
	The 2025-26 ELPA21 and Alt ELPA Screener window will close today, Friday, July 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time.
	We are looking forward to the launch of the 2026-27 ELPA21 Screener in August!

[KM1]2025-26 Smartsheet ordering form will be created and linked to this announcement soon.