

TELPAS

Together, RPTE and TOP form TELPAS – the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System.

TOP assesses K-12 students in listening, speaking, writing, and reading (in K-2).

RPTE assesses reading in Grades 3-12.

ELP Assessment Goals

- TELPAS is part of an NCLB accountability system for ELLs. States must show annual increases in the progress ELLs make in learning English and attaining proficiency.
- The goal in Texas is for all ELLs to make at least one proficiency level of progress each year.

What Do We Know About RPTE?

- The first version of RPTE has been administered since 2000.
- RPTE tests students in Grades 3-12 at four grade level clusters: Gr. 3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12.
- There were originally three proficiency level ratings: Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced. The Advanced High level was added in 2005.

What Do We Know About RPTE?

- RPTE reports results for four objectives.
- Each RPTE test has items at all proficiency levels.
- RPTE has items associated with a passage and “stand alone” items.
- There are three types of stand alones: cloze items, questions about a picture, and web items.

Why Do We Need RPTE II?

NCLB requires that states assess ELLs in all four language domains. Additionally, states must assess the ability of their ELLs to use English in academic contexts.

RPTE II

- The new RPTE II will assess students in Grades 2-12.
- RPTE II will have six grade level clusters: Grade 2, 3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

RPTE II Proficiency Levels

- RPTE II will continue to assess students at all four proficiency levels – Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, and Advanced High.
- Each RPTE II test will include items at all four proficiency levels.

RPTE II Objectives

RPTE II will report results at 3 objectives:

- Objective 1 - Word Meaning
- Objective 2 - Basic Understanding (old 2-3)
- Objective 3 - Analysis and Evaluation (old 4)

RPTE II Item Types

- RPTE II will still have items associated with a passage and stand alone items.
- RPTE II will also have new item and passage types.

RPTE II New Item Types

- Academic Cloze Passage – a short series of paragraphs on an academic topic that will have several blanks to fill in
- Academic Narrative – similar to the traditional narrative with questions, but the plot of the passage will involve the application of an academic skill
- Academic Cloze – a stand alone item type that requires students to find the missing word in a short paragraph that students might read in math or science class

RPTE II New Item Types

- Examples of these item types are posted on our website, along with draft RPTE II Objectives and Student Expectations.
- To find them, go to www.tea.state.tx.us. Under “Most Popular Information” click on the link that says “Student Assessment Division.” From that page, click on the “ELL Assessment Information” link in the left column.

RPTE II Plans for Implementation

- In spring 2007, students in Grades 3-12 will take the final RPTE I test.
- Students in Grade 2 will take the RPTE II field test during the regular TELPAS window.

RPTE II Plans for Implementation

RPTE II will “go live” in
the spring of 2008.

At that time, students in Grade 2
will no longer be rated in reading
using TOP. Their reading rating
will come from RPTE II.

RPTE II Online

- Beginning in 2009, it is planned that RPTE II will be administered exclusively online!

Online Interactive RPTE

- What is it? Last year's RPTE test in an online-scorable format
- When will it be available? Now!
- Where can I find it? Go to www.tea.state.tx.us. Under "Most Popular Information," click on "Student Assessment Division." In the left column, choose "Released Tests." Scroll down to the heading "Interactive Online Versions" and choose the test you need. (TAKS and SDAA II are also available)
- What information will it provide about students? After the student submits the test, a score report will appear. The score report will provide the number of items correct, the number of items correct by proficiency level, the scale score, and the proficiency level. The student's answer and the correct answer will also be provided for each question.

Tutorials and Online Previews

- To access these materials, go to www.etesttx.com and click on *Resources*.
- Users can download the software needed to launch the tutorials and previews as well as administration directions for the tutorials.

Reminder

This year, the TELPAS testing window is from March 5 - March 30. All RPTE and TOP testing activities will be completed during that time – including online field testing.