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OELPA and Alt-OELPA: An Interactive Chat

Spring 2024 Administration

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Session Overview

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Assessment Program

Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment Program, 2023-2024

OELPS

Diagnostic
assessment

Identifies
English learners (ELs)

August 2, 2023 –
June 28, 2024

OELPA

Annual summative
assessment

Assesses progress
and readiness to exit

January 29 –
March 22, 2024

Alt-OELPA

Annual summative
assessment

ELs with significant
cognitive disabilities

January 29 –
March 22, 2024

Where can I find information about testing dates?

[Test Dates](#) webpage on the Department website

[Important Dates](#) page on the test portal



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OELPA Updates

Refreshed OELPA Webpage

- ✓ [Link to OELPA webpage](#)
- ✓ General information about the OELPA
- ✓ Lists and describes resources on the test portal and the Department website

The screenshot displays the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce website. At the top, there is a language selection dropdown, navigation links for 'Login', 'State Agencies', 'Employees', and the 'Ohio.gov' logo. The main header features the 'Ohio Department of Education & Workforce' logo and a search bar with social media icons for email, Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube. A dark red navigation bar contains links for Home, Administrators, Teachers, Parents, Topics, How Do I?, About, Media, and Contact. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Testing > Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA)'. The main content area is titled 'Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA)'. On the left, a 'QUICK LINKS' box lists: 'English Learner Exit Criteria', 'Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA) FAQ', and 'Translated Family Reports for OELPA Results'. Below that is a 'LATEST NEWS' section. The main text provides an overview of the OELPA as a state summative test for English learners in grades kindergarten through high school, aligned with Ohio's English Language Proficiency Standards.

Embedded Speech-to-Text Accommodation

The screenshot shows a digital assessment interface for a Grade 3 ELA PT Sample Test. The top navigation bar includes 'Items', 'Grade 3 ELA PT Sample Test (1 out of 2)', 'GUEST, GUEST (SSID: GUEST)', and 'GUEST SESSION'. Below the navigation bar are icons for 'Back', 'Next', and 'Save'. On the right side of the navigation bar are icons for 'Dictionary', 'Notes', 'Line Reader', 'Zoom Out', and 'Zoom In'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains 'Student Directions' and 'Astronauts Informational Performance Task'. The right column contains a writing prompt: '2 is several paragraphs long. Type your response in the box below. The box will get bigger as you type.' Below the prompt is a toolbar with various icons, including a microphone icon circled in red. The writing area is currently empty.

- For students with motor processing disabilities or recent injuries
- For constructed response writing items (grades 2-12) and the Notes tool
- See [Accessibility Manual for OELPS and OELPA](#) for more information.

Embedded Speech-to-Text Instructions

Contact Ohio Help Desk at least 72 hours before testing

Ohio Help Desk sends request to the Department

Student must have speech-to-text on IEP or 504 plan

Department reviews request

Ohio Help Desk

1-877-231-7809 or OHHelpDesk@cambiumassessment.com



Assess English learners in grades 13 and 23 when applicable

Grade 13

Students who continue beyond grade 12 because they *have not yet met* graduation requirements.

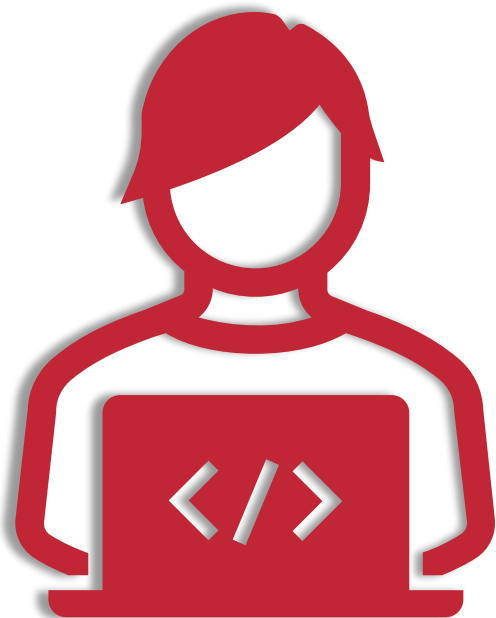
Grade 23

Students with disabilities who *have met* graduation requirements but defer their diploma to continue in school and receive services via their IEP through the school year in which they turn 22 years of age.

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Alt-OELPA Highlights

Alt-OELPA Resources



1. [Alt-OELPA webpage](#)
2. [Alt-OELPA Resources page](#) on test portal
 - ✓ Test Administration Manual
 - ✓ Participation Guidelines
 - ✓ Accessibility and Accommodations Manual
 - ✓ Links to Training Courses
 - ✓ Tool Button Image and Description Sheet
 - ✓ Practice Test Resources
 - ✓ Translated Test Directions
3. [Alt-OELPA Reporting Resources](#)

2024 Alt-OELPA Training Webinar

Recording and slides are on the test portal

Includes overview, summary of 2023 results, and resources and information for 2024

Alternate Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (Alt-OELPA)

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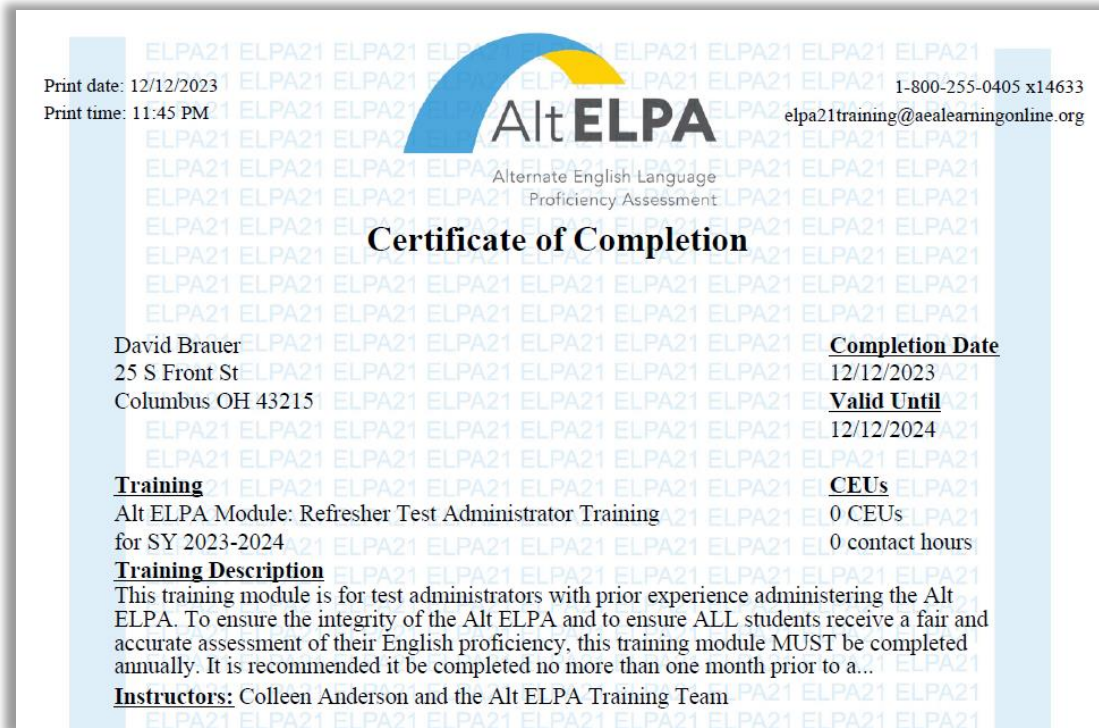
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Office of Assessment

2024 Alt-OELPA Webinar
December 13, 2023



[Link to 2024 Alt-OELPA Training Webinar](#)

ELPA21 Training Courses for the Alt-OELPA



Created by ELPA21 for test coordinators and test administrators

Self-paced, online courses

Complete courses before testing

Access the courses: [ELPA21 Training Courses for the Alt-OELPA](#)

District verification code: **elpa21**

Questions? Contact elpa21training@aelearningonline.org

Test Administrator Directions and Scoring Rubrics Booklets



DTC or DA* downloads booklets from *General Resources* in TIDE.



DTC or DA distributes the booklets via the *Secure File Center*.



Test administrators need booklets during test administration.



Booklets contain item-specific directions and script.



Booklets contain rubrics to score speaking and writing items.



Delete or destroy booklets after test administration.

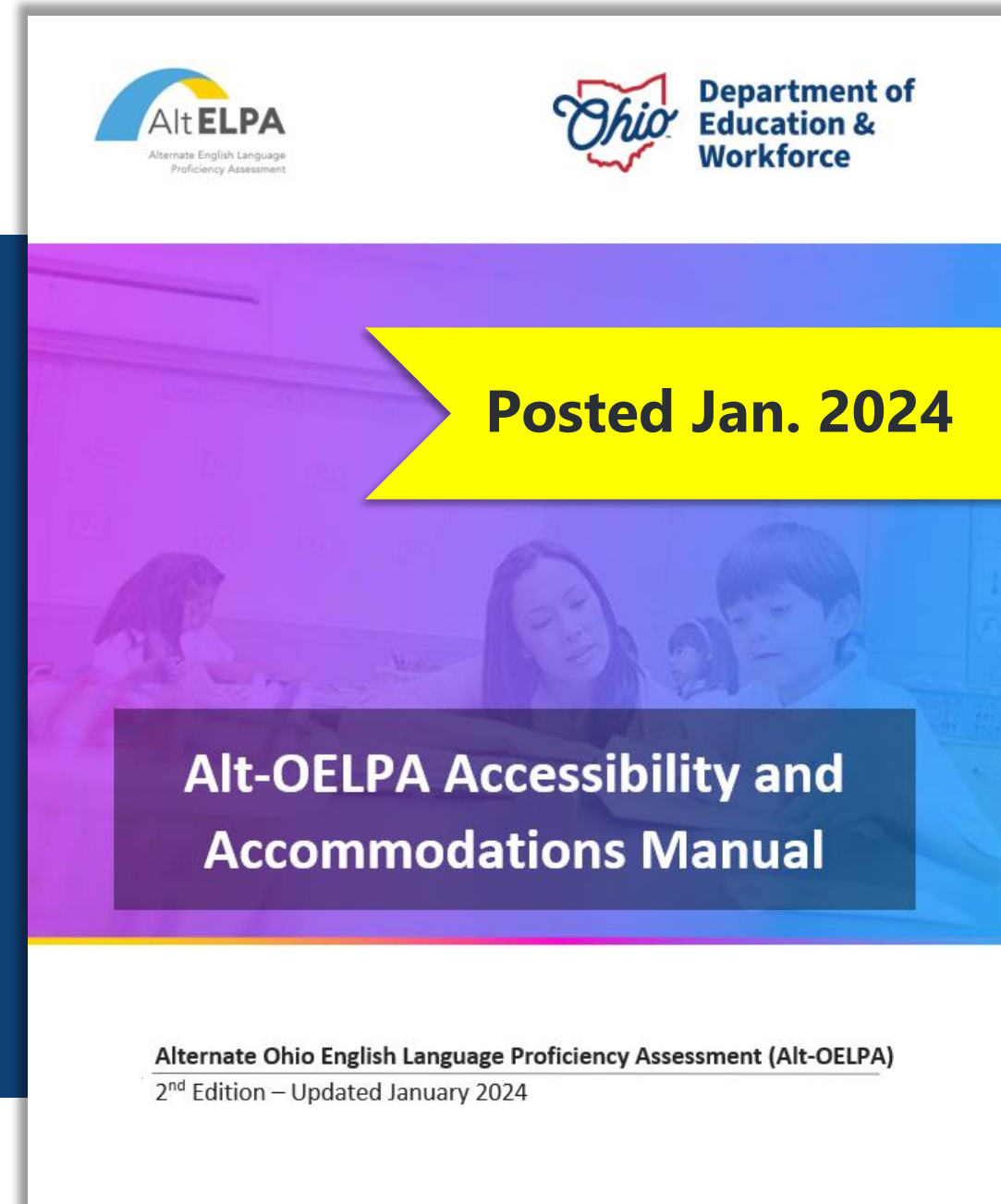
General Resources and Secure File Center in TIDE

Booklets scheduled to be posted on Jan. 25

The screenshot displays the TIDE user interface. At the top left, there is a navigation bar with a grid icon, the Ohio Department of Education logo, and the text "TIDE". To the right of this bar, a red-bordered box highlights two menu items: "General Resources" and "Secure File Center". Further right are "Help" and the user name "David Brauer". Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into three colored panels: an orange panel for "Preparing for Testing" with a person and gear icon, a teal panel for "Administering Tests" with a person and computer icon, and a light blue panel for "After Testing" with a document and seal icon. A search bar labeled "Student ID/User Email" is located in the top right of the main content area.

Alt-OELPA Accessibility and Accommodations Manual

- ✓ **Section 1:** Introduction
- ✓ **Section 2:** Participation Criteria
- ✓ **Section 3:** Embedded Features
- ✓ **Section 4:** Non-embedded Features
- ✓ **Appendices:** Accessibility considerations for IEP teams with student examples, planning tools, flowcharts, and the Alt-OELPA domain exemption policy



Alternate Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (Alt-OELPA)

2nd Edition – Updated January 2024

Domain Exemption for Alt-OELPA

- Three required criteria:
 1. Student has documented disability;
 2. Student cannot access the domain, even with available accommodations; and
 3. IEP/504 team establishes need for exemption in consultation with English learner specialist
- Enter domain exemption(s) in TIDE **before** student starts any domain test.



IMPORTANT: Reconsider domain exemptions for Alt-OELPA. Do not simply carry over OELPA domain exemptions.

Read Aloud on the Alt-OELPA

Grades K-1

Test administrator is instructed to read items aloud to the student

Grades 2-3

Test administrator reads items aloud if read aloud is part of instruction

Grades 4-12

Test administrator may read items aloud as a non-embedded designated support

Use the Personal Needs Profile tool from the [Alt-OELPA Accessibility and Accommodations Manual](#) to communicate accessibility needs among educator teams.



Alternate Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (Alt-OELPA)
Test Administration Manual
School Year 2023-2024
Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing
Online

Publication date: January 7, 2024

Building Test Coordinator Contact Information

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Cell: _____
Email: _____

Posted Jan. 2024

Alt-OELPA Test Administration Manual, 2023-2024

- ✓ **Overview of the test**
- ✓ **Login instructions**
- ✓ **Directions for administration for each domain test**
- ✓ **Appendices:** Early stopping rule, local scoring guidelines, confidentiality agreement, and test security information

Alt-OELPA Order of Domain Test Administration

Alt-OELPA domain tests should be administered in this order:



Note: The OELPA does not have an order of domain test administration, though many schools begin with the speaking test.

Alt-OELPA Forms A-D

Four randomly assigned test forms, A-D

Form letter appears at 1st domain test

Same test form for all domains

Refer to corresponding test form in the
TA Directions and Scoring Rubrics Booklets



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Common Questions

Assessment Systems on the Ohio English Language Proficiency Tests portal

Preparing for Testing

SYSTEM 



Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE)

Manage users and student information, order paper materials and monitor test progress.

Administering Tests


SYSTEM 



TA Interface

Launch tests or training tests for students.

After Testing

SYSTEM 



Centralized Reporting System (CRS)


Access and download state assessment results, view student performance, and score items using the TASC.

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Live Q&A

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