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# OELPA and Alt-OELPA: An Interactive Chat

## Spring 2024 Administration

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# Session Overview

1. Assessment Program & Dates
2. OELPA Updates
3. Alt-OELPA Highlights
4. Common Questions
5. Live Q & A

# 1 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

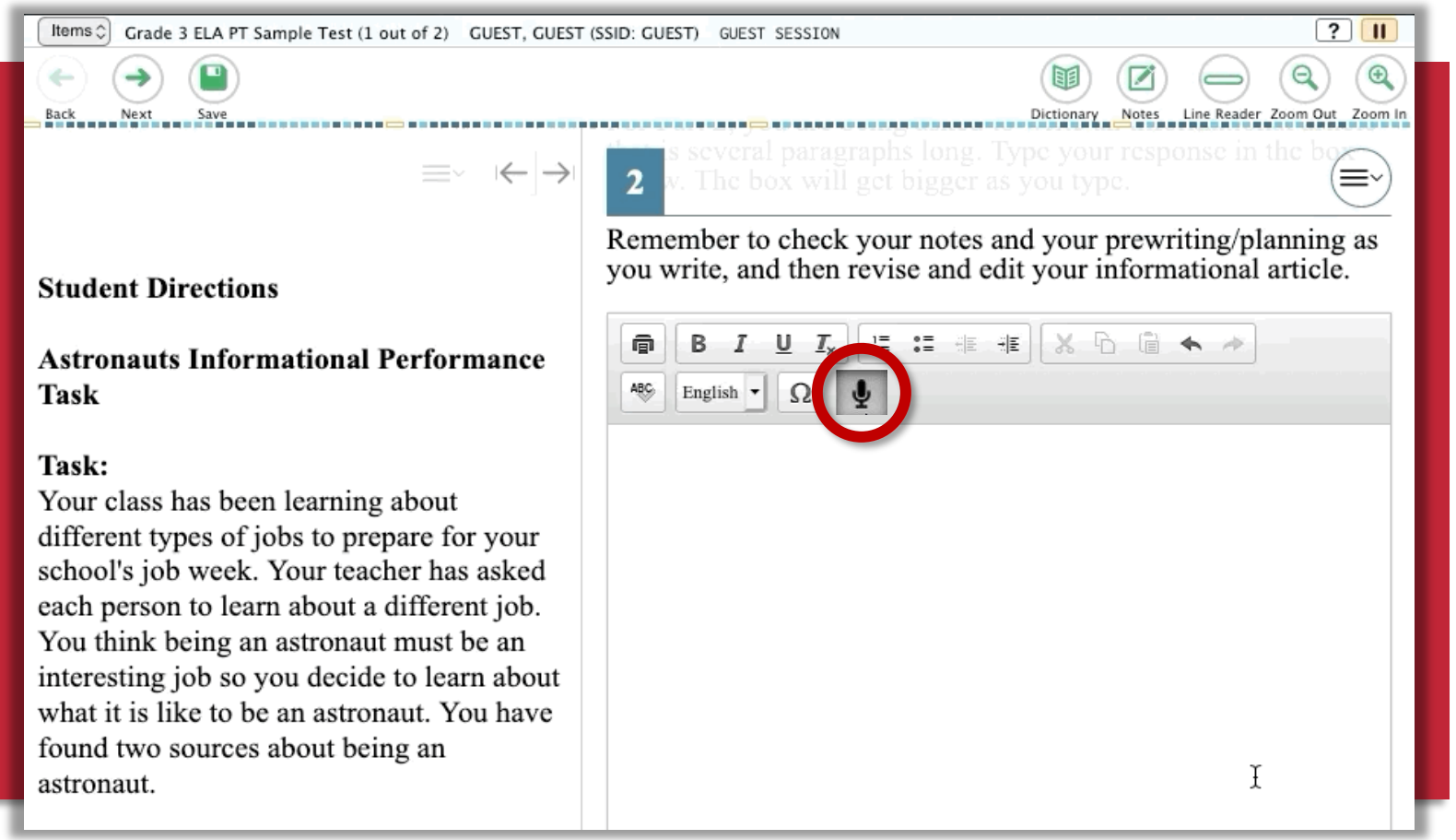
Important Dates page on the test portal

# 2 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

# Embedded Speech-to-Text Accommodation




- 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**

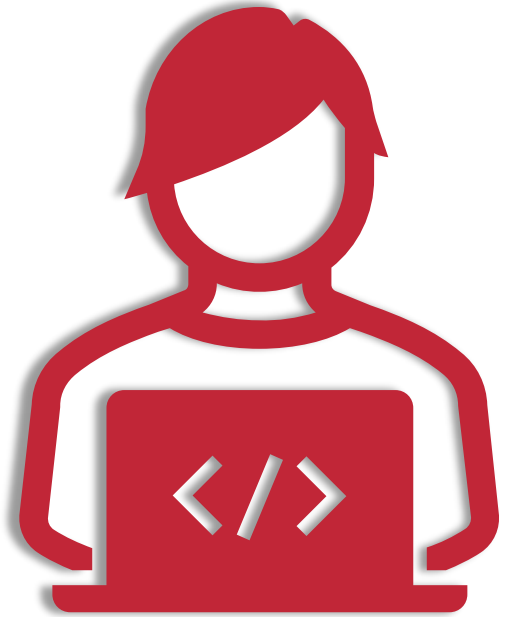
Students who continue beyond grade 12 because they ***have not yet met*** graduation requirements.

**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.

# 3 Alt-OELPA Highlights

# Alt-OELPA Resources



1. Alt-OELPA webpage

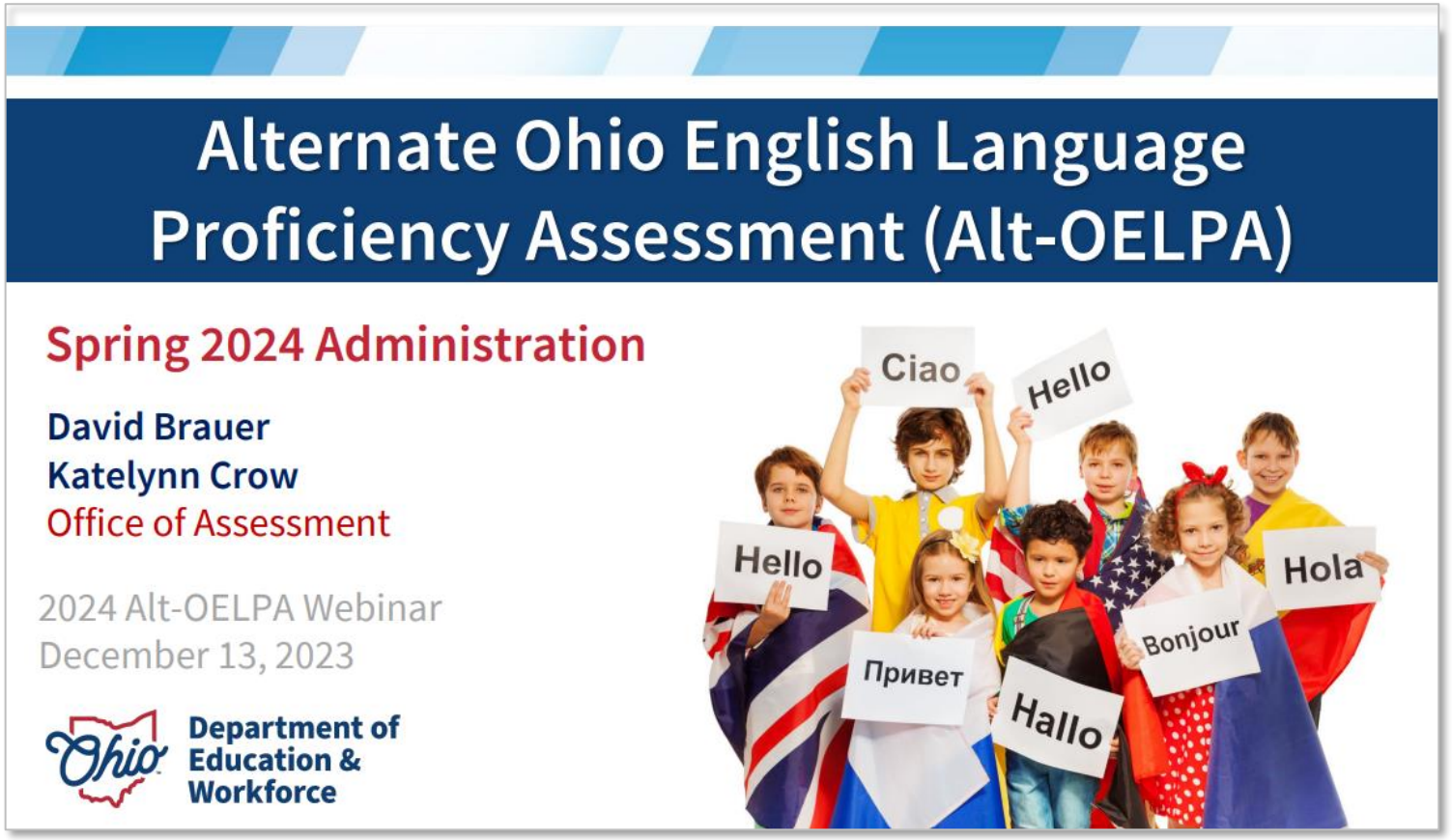
2. Alt-OELPA Resources page on test portal
   - ✓ Test Administration Manual
   - ✓ Participation Guidelines
   - ✓ Accessibility and Accommodations Manual
   - ✓ Links to Training Courses
   - ✓ Tool Button Image and Description Sheet
   - ✓ Practice Test Resources
   - ✓ Translated Test Directions

3. Alt-OELPA Reporting Resources

# 2024 Alt-OELPA Training Webinar

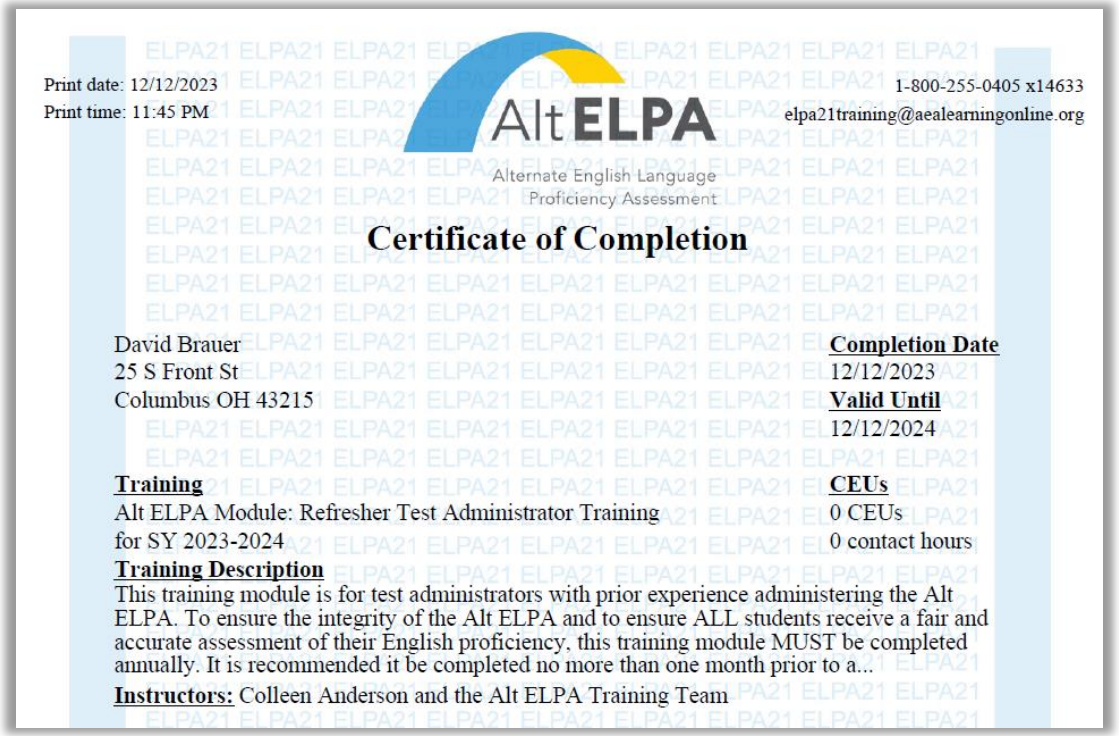
Recording and slides are on the test portal

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




[Link to 2024 Alt-OELPA Training Webinar]

# ELPA21 Training Courses for the Alt-OELPA



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elpa21training@aealearningonline.org

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Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment

**Certificate of Completion**

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Columbus OH 43215

**Completion Date**
12/12/2023
**Valid Until**
12/12/2024

**Training**
Alt ELPA Module: Refresher Test Administrator Training for SY 2023-2024

**CEUs**
0 CEUs
0 contact hours

**Training Description**
This training module is for test administrators with prior experience administering the Alt ELPA. To ensure the integrity of the Alt ELPA and to ensure ALL students receive a fair and accurate assessment of their English proficiency, this training module MUST be completed annually. It is recommended it be completed no more than one month prior to a...

**Instructors:** Colleen Anderson and the Alt ELPA Training Team

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@aealearningonline.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.

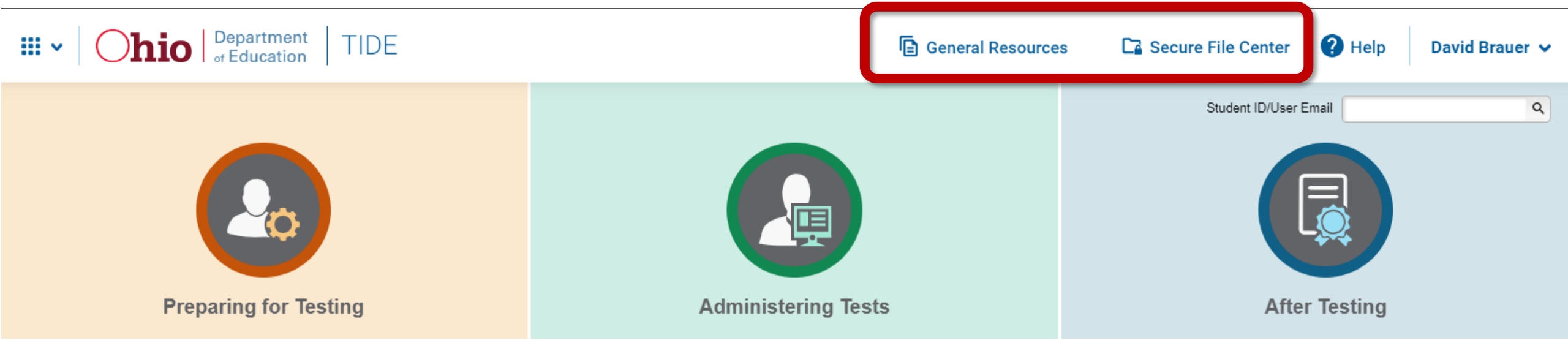
Booklets contain rubrics to score speaking and writing items.

Delete or destroy booklets after test administration.

**District Test Coordinator (DTC) or District Administrator (DA)*

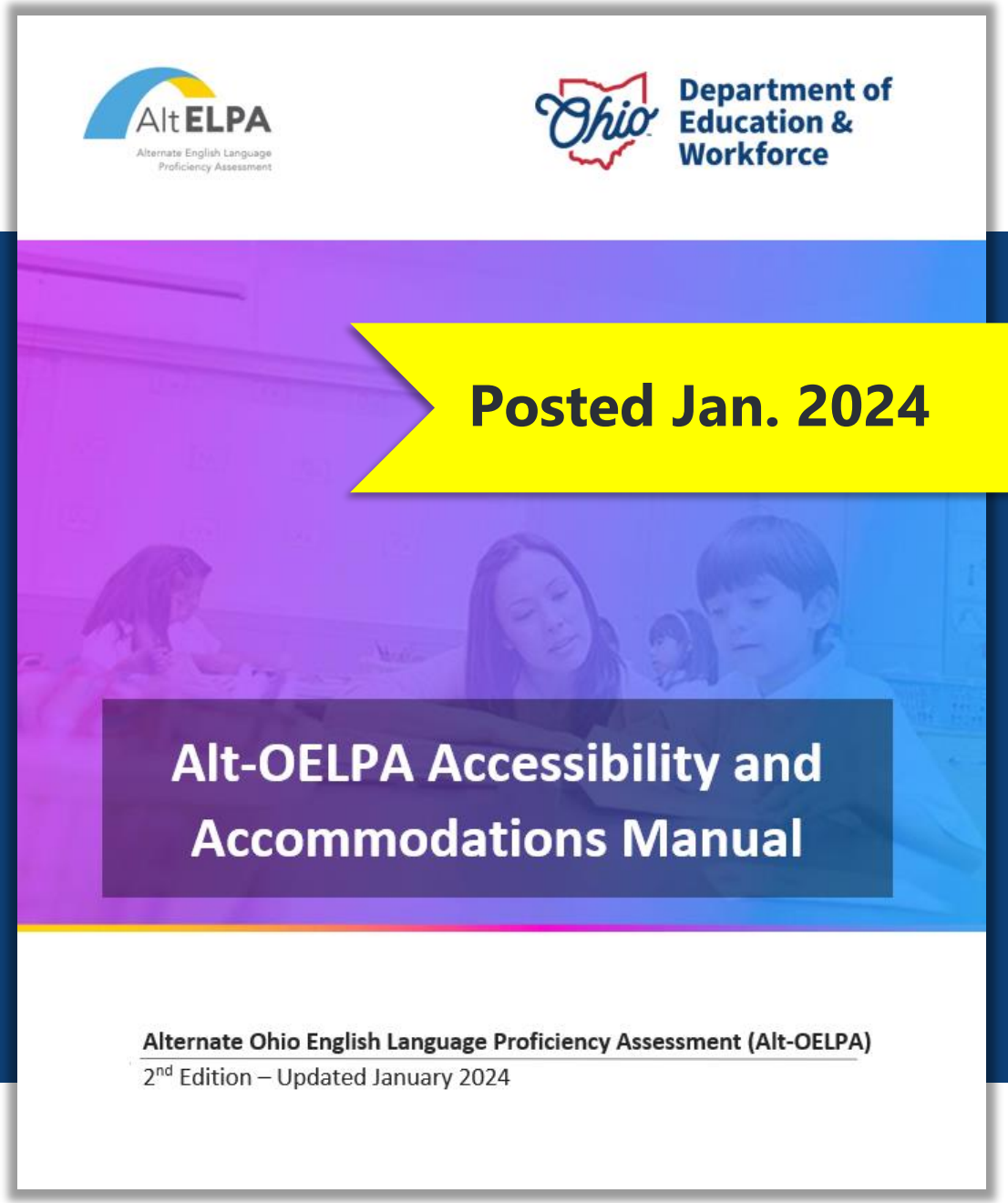
# General Resources and Secure File Center in TIDE

Booklets scheduled to be posted on Jan. 25



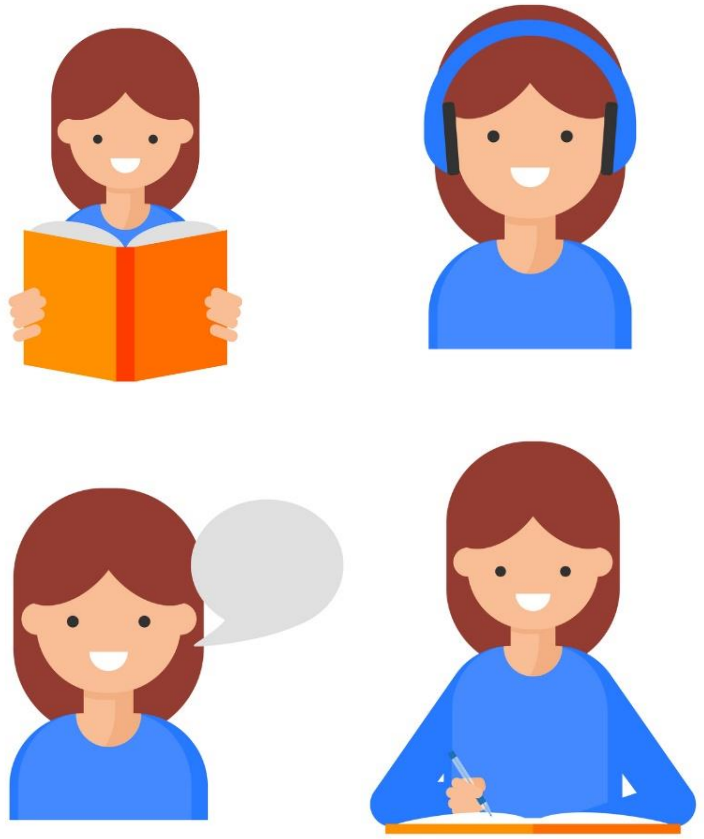
# Alt-OELPA Accessibility and Accommodations Manual

- ✓ **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



# 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**

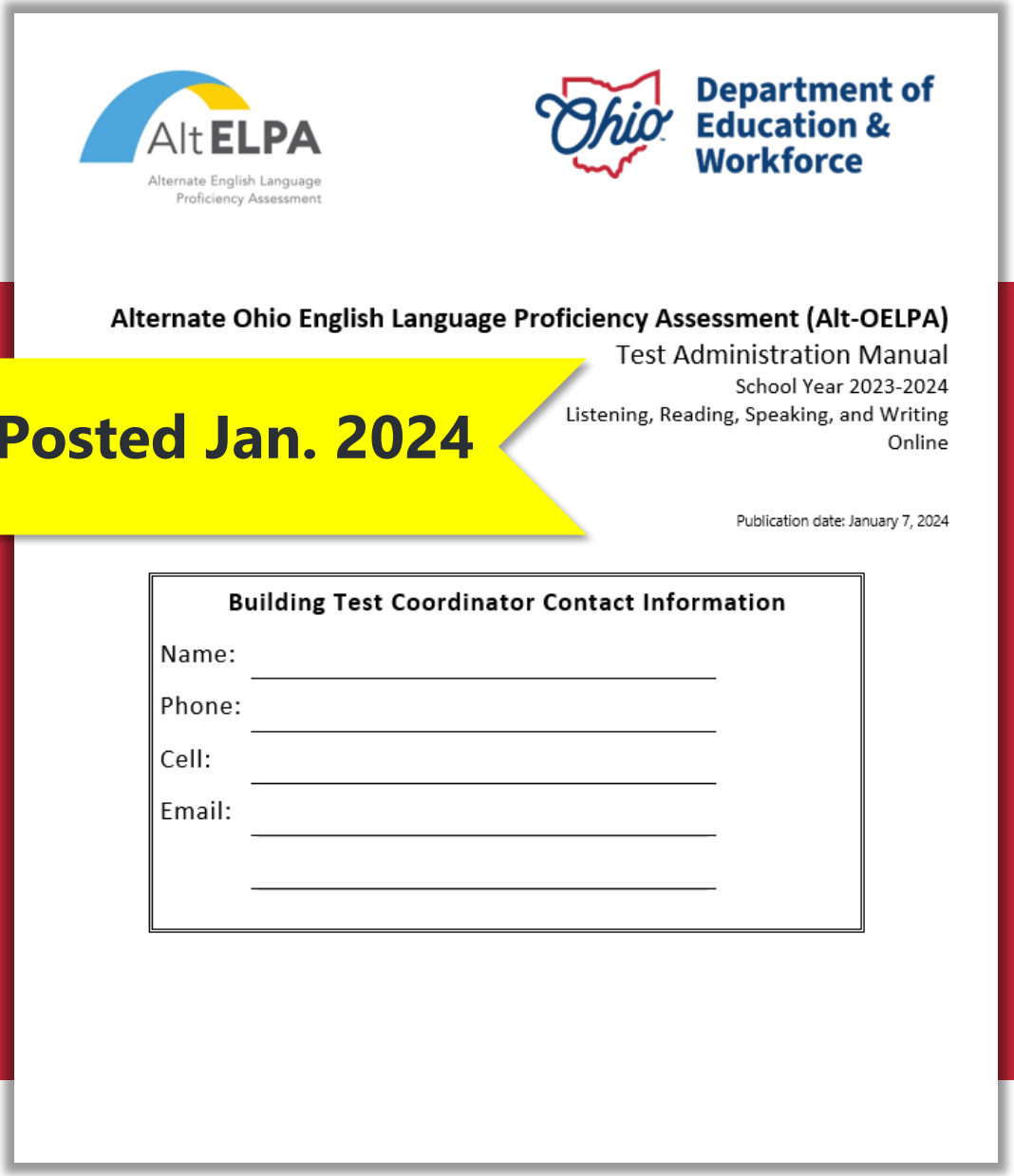
Test administrator reads items aloud if read aloud is part of instruction

**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.**

# Alt-OELPA Test Administration Manual, 2023-2024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**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: _____

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**Posted Jan. 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:

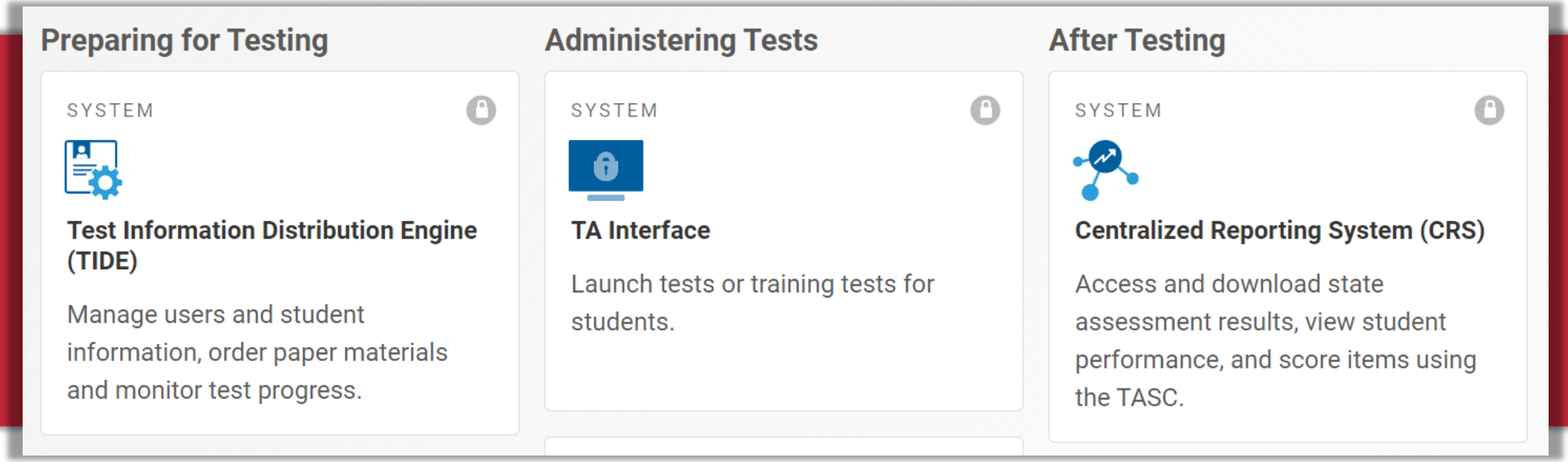
**Note:** The OELPA does not have an order of domain test administration, though many schools begin with the speaking test.

# 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

# 4 Common Questions

# Assessment Systems on the Ohio English Language Proficiency Tests portal



# 5 Live Q&A

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