

2016-2017 English Proficiency Exit Criteria Chart

At the end of the school year, a district may transfer (exit, reclassify, transition) an English language learner (ELL) out of a bilingual or ESL education program for the first time or a subsequent time if the student is able to participate equally in a regular all-English instruction program as determined by satisfactory performance in all three assessment areas below and the results of a subjective teacher evaluation.¹

For State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) English reading and English writing, the performance level for program exit is Level II (Satisfactory Academic Performance) or above.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11 th /12 th |
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| Current School Year Oral = Listening & Speaking | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² | Scored Fluent on English OLPT ² |
| English Reading³ | Norm-Referenced Standardized Achievement Test ² (Rdg./Lang.) 40th percentile or above | Norm-Referenced Standardized Achievement Test ² (Rdg./Lang.) 40th percentile or above | STAAR | STAAR | STAAR | STAAR | STAAR | STAAR | STAAR ⁴ | STAAR ⁴ | Norm-Referenced Standardized Achievement Test ² (Rdg./Lang.) 40th percentile or above |
| English Writing³ | Agency-Approved Writing Test ² | Agency-Approved Writing Test ² | Agency-Approved Writing Test ² | STAAR ⁵ | Agency-Approved Writing Test ² | Agency-Approved Writing Test ² | STAAR ⁵ | Agency-Approved Writing Test ² | | | Agency-Approved Writing Test ² |
| Subjective Teacher Evaluation | Assessments, anecdotal notes, portfolios, etc. | | | | | | | | | | |

¹ 19 TAC §89.1225(h)

² The 2016–2017 *List of Approved Tests for Assessment of English Language Learners* is available on the following web page: <http://tea.texas.gov/bilingual/esl/education/>

³ For STAAR, English reading and English writing refer to the grade-level tests in grades 3–8 and to the applicable end-of-course English I for grade 9, and English II for grade 10.

⁴ Exception: Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) Reading and Writing Advanced High will be used for all students with the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) as their graduation requirement under state policy.

Note: ELLs may be exited only after the end of first grade based on 19 TAC §89.1225(i).

Note: Students for whom the LPAC recommends the use of Dictionaries, Oral Administration, Language and Vocabulary Supports, or Extra Time as an accommodation for any reading or writing assessment, may not be considered for exit at the end of the school year.