

## Grades 2–12 Listening & Speaking Plans

Holistic ratings for TELPAS listening and speaking in grades 2–12 will be phased out after spring 2017. By spring 2018, writing will be the only domain to be rated holistically. To accommodate for adding listening and speaking items to the online testing format, the blueprint for TELPAS reading will be about half of the current reading blueprint. The combined length of time of the listening/speaking test and reading test for students in grades 2–12 should also not exceed the current testing times.

The items being developed for TELPAS listening and speaking are aligned with the Texas English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) that are a part of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum. TELPAS listening and speaking will measure the four levels of increasing English language proficiency: beginning, intermediate, advanced, and advanced high. Domain weights for all domains will remain the same.

<b>Domain Weights</b>			
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Listening</b>	<b>Speaking</b>
50%	30%	10%	10%

There will be fewer grade bands for listening and speaking:

<b>Reading Grade Bands</b>	<b>Listening &amp; Speaking Grade Bands</b>
2	2-3
3	4-5
4-5	6-8
6-7	9-12
8-9	
10-12	

Recent progress for this transition includes focus group meetings to discuss the blueprint, item functionality and scoring, and to review and provide feedback on potential listening and speaking item types. Items are currently being developed and will be reviewed internally by TEA curriculum and assessment specialists and externally by education professionals from around the state.

A cognitive lab will be conducted in the fall of 2016 to obtain feedback from ELLs representing the different grade bands on the design of the new TELPAS listening and speaking assessments. TEA will be contacting districts to participate in the cognitive lab. In addition, districts will be able to volunteer to administer the pilot test to their ELLs before the assessment becomes operational in spring 2018.

<b>TELPAS Listening and Speaking Implementation Schedule – DRAFT</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Task</b>
February 2016	Item and rubric development begin
Summer 2016	External meeting to review developed items
Fall 2016	Cognitive lab
Fall 2016	Cognitive lab analysis
Fall 2016	Listening/speaking pilot test forms constructed
Spring 2017	Listening and speaking pilot test
Spring 2017	TELPAS tutorials released
Summer 2017	Analyze pilot test data and range finding
Fall 2017	TELPAS online forms construction and review
March–April 2018	TELPAS administration
May 2018	TELPAS Speaking gets scored
Summer 2018	Standard setting for TELPAS
Fall 2018	Report TELPAS