

Message for students:

Important Information for Grade 9 Students

The *English Language Proficiency Assessment/Reassessment (ELPA/R)* will take place between **April 19 and May 5**.

The *ELPA/R* is an assessment of student reading comprehension skills. It is compulsory for all Grade 9 students and is a graduation requirement, unless an exemption is granted. Students write it in Grade 9 but can try again in Grade 11 and/or 12 if they are unsuccessful.

This year, the *ELPA/R* will be administered online. To help you prepare, a short practice test will be available beginning on April 6. You will be able to access this from school or home and can access it as often as you like. Exploring the practice test will make sure your device is set up correctly for the actual assessment. It will also provide you with the opportunity to get familiar with how the assessment and all its components will work.

If you require accommodations to write the *ELPA/R*, participating in the practice test will make sure things are set up properly for you.

You will need to:

- check your device ahead of time to ensure it supports the assessment website (Internet Explorer will not work)
- arrange with your school if you do not have access to an appropriate device
- bring your device to school on the day of the assessment, fully charged and with a charger

You must be in school on the day of the assessment.

You may not use a smartphone to write the *ELPA*.