

Information Guide for Parents and Guardians English Language Proficiency Assessment / Reassessment Grades 9, 11, and 12

The English Language Proficiency Assessment/Reassessment (ELPA/R) is an assessment of students' reading skills based on the Atlantic Canada English Language Arts Curriculum Outcomes (Grade 8) and the New Brunswick Provincial Achievement Standards in Reading (end of Grade 8).

Data obtained from the ELPA/R provide information about individual student achievement in literacy and provide a perspective on school, district, and provincial trends.

Who participates in the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)?

The ELPA is compulsory for all students in **Grade 9**, unless an exemption is obtained. It is a high school graduation requirement and students must score at the *Appropriate Achievement* level to meet this requirement.

Who participates in the English Language Proficiency Reassessment (ELPR)?

The ELPR is identical to the ELPA and is written by students in **Grades 11 and 12** who did not attain the *Appropriate Achievement* level or who obtained an exemption in Grade 9. Students in **Grade 10** who were unsuccessful on the ELPA **do not participate** in the assessment during their Grade 10 year. This allows them to receive targeted literacy intervention before they write the ELPR in Grade 11.

Are accommodations available?

Accommodations are alterations that do not jeopardize the integrity or content of the assessment. Such accommodations give students an equal opportunity to demonstrate what they know and can do. Not all accommodations available in the classroom setting are appropriate for provincial assessments. Requests for accommodations require the approval of the school principal, district, and EECD. For more information please refer to: [Provincial Assessment Program: Protocols for Accommodations and Exemptions](#)

Who may be exempt?

A student may obtain an exemption from participating in the ELPA/R when justified by the student's Personalized Learning Plan (PLP). Approval of parents/guardians, school principal, district, and EECD is required. A permanent or temporary exemption may be granted.

When do students write the ELPA/R?

The ELPA/R is written during the high school exam period, January 14-25, 2019.

What is the format of the ELPA/R?

To ensure that it is fully aligned with our provincial standards, a review committee of New Brunswick educators selected the content of the assessment. Students have 90 minutes to complete the assessment with up to 90 extra minutes, if needed.

The use of dictionaries, thesauri, and translation devices is **not** permitted for the ELPA/R.

Content

Text Type:

- 4 Literary text passages
- 4 Informational text passages

Question Type:

- Literal Responses 20%
- Inferential/Interpretive Responses 60%
- Personal/Critical/Evaluative Responses 20%

Format:

- 50 multiple choice items (responses recorded by students in their test booklets are scanned)

How are the results reported?

ELPA/R results are reported by achievement level (Strong Achievement (SA), Appropriate Achievement (AA), or Below Appropriate Achievement (BAA)) and by percentage of questions correct for each text type and question type.

Students receive their results.

Where can I find more information?

Information about the ELPA/R can be found on the Education and Early Childhood Development website under Assessment and Evaluation (High School) at:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/k12/content/anglophone_sector/assessment_evaluation.html

If you have questions, please contact the Assessment, Analysis, & Design Services Branch (Anglophone Division) at (506) 453-2744.