

ANNUAL ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

English Language Development Assessment (ELDA)

The student's English language acquisition will be assessed annually through the state-wide assessment, the English Language Development Assessment (ELDA). The student's results on the ELDA will be used in determining appropriate language support services in ESL for the following year. The *English Language Development Assessment (ELDA)* used in Louisiana is aligned with state *English Language Development Standards* and targets age-appropriate academic language, social language, and communication skills in all four (4) domains of language. Students are assessed in the 4 domains of language, speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Descriptions of ELL Proficiency by English Language Development Assessment Instrument in the Four Domains of Language

The following chart defines the terms *Beginner*, *Intermediate*, and *Advanced* English proficiency levels for appropriate ESL instructional placement:

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<i>Beginner</i>	1
<i>Intermediate</i>	2, 3
<i>Advanced</i>	4
<i>Fully Proficient</i>	5