

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
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 ⁵	STAAR ⁵	STAAR ⁵	STAAR ⁵	STAAR ⁵	STAAR ⁵	STAAR ^{4/5}	STAAR ^{4/5}	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.

⁵ Includes STAAR A without linguistic accommodations.

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

Note: ELLs for whom the LPAC has recommended linguistic accommodations on the STAAR reading or writing test should not be considered for exit.