



# TEXAS TUESDAY



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## LAS BATTERY OF ASSESSMENTS UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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Welcome to another Texas Tuesday communication!

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★☆☆ **STATEWIDE TRANSITION FROM PAPER TO ONLINE TESTING**

**All Texas LEAs are to transition from paper to full online test administration by the start of the 2025-2026 school year.**

House Bill (HB) 3261, enacted by the 87th Texas Legislature in 2021, requires state assessments to be administered online by the 2022–2023 school year.

- Legislature dates of 2022-23 SY pertained to STAAR and TELPAS

The LAS Battery of assessments will align to this legislature by transitioning all LEAs who currently use the paper assessments to full online testing.

- Click [HERE](#) to review the Paper to Online Transition Plan
- If you are planning on returning paper for licenses, please fill out the [Intent to Return LAS Paper Materials Form](#) which includes a conversion table at the bottom of the form as to how you would like your return to be allocated to licenses.
- Materials returned without an original invoice or packing slip will incur a 25% restocking fee.
- **UPDATE:** Materials received after **July 11, 2025, will NOT be credited**, nor will they be returned to sender.



New to *preLAS* Online and curious as to how it is administered to 3, 4 and 5 year olds? Please view this short [VIDEO](#) to learn more.



★☆☆ **LAS LINKS MAINTENANCE WINDOW: ARCHIVE/PURGE PREPARATION**



The annual LAS Links Online maintenance window will take place from **June 23 – July 7, 2025**.

**Through this process, DRC removes ALL:**

- Student rosters (all student demographic information)
- Test Sessions
- Student responses (Educator Scoring)
- On-Demand Reports (Batch Download student reports will remain untouched)
- Student Data Files (SDF) – download a copy **by end of day on June 20, 2025**
- Users will NOT be purged

**The accounts impacted are:**

- 100 code accounts used for Emergent Bilingual identification
- 122 code account used for identification + DRC Scoring Services (DRC Score ID)
- 133 code account used for progress monitoring (PM)

**This process is considered a **blackout period** and therefore during this time (June 23 – July 7, 2025):**

- No testing may take place.
- No new users may be added.
- No students may be added.
- No test sessions may be created.
- All LAS Links Online testing must be completed by the end of the day on: **June 13, 2025**.
- All Educator Scoring must be completely scored by: **June 16, 2025** to be sure all data and reports are available.
  - Any student responses that remain in Educator Scoring will be purged and unavailable for retrieval during and after the maintenance window takes place.
- All student On-Demand reports will not be available and will be purged during this time.
  - Download and export all needed On-Demand reports by the end of the day on: **June 20, 2025**.

All LAS Links Batch Download Student Proficiency Reports **will remain** in Interactive Reporting and may continue to be accessed as needed and without interruption.

***preLAS Online will not be impacted during this maintenance window.*** This means that testing may continue as normal, however, DRC is looking to archive/purge *preLAS Online* soon. A timeframe for a *preLAS Online* maintenance window has not yet been determined. DRC will provide messaging well ahead of the process but in the meantime, DRC recommends that you make sure that you download and retain your *preLAS Online* student proficiency reports locally. Follow the directions found in the guide at this [LINK](#) to mass download *preLAS* Student Proficiency Reports which can be done at the School level.

## ★☆☆ ★ **2025 LAS BATTERY SUMMER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**



To prepare all Test Administrators for Emergent Bilingual identification testing, DRC is offering ESC and statewide training opportunities this summer for the administration of the *preLAS Online* and LAS Links Online assessments.

**NOTE:** DRC is also offering statewide technology training so please reach out to your IT department to register as needed. Also, be sure to add your IT as a District Level Technology Coordinator User in the portal so they have access to set up the technology needed for online testing.

### **2025 Summer Training Schedule**

- Click [HERE](#) for the 2025 Texas LAS Battery of Assessments ESC Summer Training Schedule
  - For more information regarding the ESC training(s), please contact your ESC.
- DRC will provide the following **statewide** training webinars (all will be recorded and posted under the Professional Development tab on the website).

Date	Time	Topic	Registration Link
July 9, 2025	9:30 – 11:00am CST	Technology Training (District IT)	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>
July 22, 2025	1:00 – 3:30 pm CST	<i>preLAS Online</i> Administration Training	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>
July 23, 2025	2:00 – 3:30pm CST	Technology Training (District IT)	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>
July 24, 2025	9:00 – 12:00pm CST	LAS Links Online Administration Training	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>
August 12, 2025	9:00 – 11:30am CST	<i>preLAS Online</i> Administration Training	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>
August 12, 2025	1:00 – 4:00pm CST	LAS Links Online Administration Training	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>

## ★☆☆ ★ PRELAS TESTING DURING KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Now that Kindergarten Roundup is off and running at many LEAs across Texas, below are a few reminders regarding Emergent Bilingual identification assessment protocols:

- The Oral component of the *preLAS* is the only **required** component: if a student receives a proficiency level of 1, 2, or 3, they should be considered an Emergent Bilingual student. If they receive a proficiency level of 4 or 5, they should be considered proficient and not an Emergent Bilingual student.
- The Pre-Literacy component of the *preLAS* is not a required component and should be used for diagnostic purposes only as it renders valuable information regarding students' ability to identify letters, numbers, colors, and shapes/spatial relationships, as well as students' reading (sight-word recognition) and writing (name, age, two- and three-letter sight words) skills.
- Please refer to the [FAQs](#), [Training Resources](#), and [www.LASLinks.com/Texas](http://www.LASLinks.com/Texas) for additional assessment administration guidance.
- Once you have assessed your students for identification purposes, you may also use the *preLAS* data to inform instruction:
  - [preLAS Instructional Strategies](#)
  - [Video: Using your preLAS Identification Data to Inform Instruction](#)



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