



# TEXAS TUESDAY



## LAS BATTERY OF ASSESSMENTS UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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Welcome to another Texas Tuesday communication!

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### ★☆☆ SUMMER TRAINING SCHEDULE

To prepare all Test Administrators for Emergent Bilingual identification testing, DRC is offering summer ESC and statewide training webinars for the administration of PreLAS Online and LAS Links Online assessments. Click [HERE](#) for the full ESC summer schedule. Please check with your ESC for registration information.

#### Statewide Webinar Training Opportunities

All statewide webinars will be recorded and posted to the Professional Development section of [www.LASLinks.com/Texas](http://www.LASLinks.com/Texas).

**IMPORTANT:**  
Training is **highly recommended even for seasoned Test Administrators** due to portal enhancements scheduled for release this fall. Enhancement information will be provided through various DRC communications over the next several months.

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	Registration Link
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	DRC INSIGHT <b>Technology</b> Training	9:00 - 10:30am CST	<a href="#">Register</a>
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	PreLAS Online Administration Training	1:00 – 4:00pm CST	<a href="#">Register</a>
Thursday, July 30, 2026	LAS Links Online Administration Training	8:30 – 11:30am CST	<a href="#">Register</a>
Tuesday, August 11, 2026	PreLAS Online Administration Training	8:30 – 11:30am CST	<a href="#">Register</a>
Tuesday, August 11, 2026	DRC INSIGHT <b>Technology</b> Training	2:00 - 3:30pm CST	<a href="#">Register</a>
Thursday, August 13, 2026	LAS Links Online Administration Training	1:00 – 4:00pm	<a href="#">Register</a>

## ★☆☆ LAS LINKS ONLINE AND PRELAS ONLINE MAINTAINANCE WINDOW

The annual PreLAS Online and LAS Links Online maintenance window will take place from **June 22 – July 12, 2026.**

- Student testing may take place until **Friday, June 12, 2026**
- Student testing may resume on **Monday, July 13, 2026**

DRC will present in-depth details about the maintenance window and other important updates at the TEA's **May 14, 2026**, EB Support Division Webinar. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Through this process, DRC removes, **from LAS Links Online**, ALL:

- Student rosters (all student demographic information)
- Test Sessions
- Student Responses (Educator Scoring)
- On-Demand Reports (Batch Download Student Proficiency Reports for LAS Links will remain untouched in Interactive Reporting)
- Student Data Files (SDF) – **download a copy by the end of the day June 19, 2026**
- **ALL PreLAS Online data and reports will remain intact and available after the maintenance window**

**IMPORTANT:** The summer maintenance window **will include PreLAS Online** so that we may apply exciting new enhancements. Please see details below regarding a temporary testing option available to LEAs during this time.

The maintenance window is considered a blackout period and therefore during this time:

- No **PreLAS Online nor LAS Links Online** testing may take place.
  - See the next section for a temporary PreLAS testing option.
- 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 12, 2026.**
- All Educator Scoring should be completed by: **June 17, 2026** to be sure all LAS Links Online 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 PreLAS Online and LAS Links Online On-Demand Student Proficiency Reports will not be available, and the LAS Links Online On-Demand Reports (not PreLAS Online Reports) will be purged during this time.
  - Download and export all needed LAS Links Online On-Demand Student Proficiency Reports by the end of the day on: **June 19, 2026.**
  - All LAS Links Batch Download Student Proficiency Reports **will remain** in Interactive Reporting and may continue to be accessed as needed and without interruption.
- All PreLAS Online and LAS Links Online Student Data Files (SDFs) will not be available and the LAS Links Online SDF (not the PreLAS Online SDF) will be purged during this time.
  - Download and export all needed SDFs by the end of the day on: **June 19, 2026.**

## Testing PreK and Kindergarten Students During the Maintenance Window – Temporary Option

DRC will implement a TEA approved, temporary solution when/if you have a new PK-K student needing to test during the maintenance period. From **June 13 – July 12, 2026**, DRC will post .pdf versions of the PreLAS assessments (English and Spanish) in the Documents section of the DRC INSIGHT portal that may be printed locally to record student responses. Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to find the temporary PreLAS assessment solution. ***This solution is available only during the June 15 – July 12th maintenance window and will be removed from DRC INSIGHT afterward.*** Once testing is completed, the LEA has two options for scoring/reporting documentation:

**Option 1:** Tally the scoring/reporting on the printed version of the PreLAS assessment.

**Option 2:** Once the maintenance window is complete, the LEA may enter the student responses into the DRC Insight portal/PreLAS Online testing interface to generate a PreLAS Online student proficiency report. All student responses must be entered no later than July 31, 2026, if choosing this option.

- Please note that with this option, the LEA should retain the printed copy of the assessment as it will provide documentation of the actual date the assessment was administered, while the online student proficiency report will reflect the date the student responses were entered into the portal.
- Please view this [Video: Administering the PreLAS Temporary/Paper Assessment Option](#) that guides test administrators on how to administer the temporary option during the maintenance window.

## ★☆☆★ TESTING INTERFACE AND DRC INSIGHT PORTAL ENHANCEMENTS

### Testing Interface Enhancements

On July 13, 2026, after the maintenance window has ended, the Test Administrator (TA) testing experience (PreLAS Online) and the student testing experience (LAS Links Online) will have undergone interface enhancements which will make the assessments easier to navigate.

For example, an exciting enhancement to the PreLAS Online interface is the integration of all audio files directly within the assessment, eliminating the need for TAs to access them from an external source.

### DRC INSIGHT Portal Enhancements

This fall (date TBD), DRC will introduce several portal enhancements/updates that impact how users enroll students and create test sessions. These updates are designed to be intuitive, and detailed information will be shared during all summer training sessions (both ESC and Statewide). Please be sure to review all DRC communications in the coming months, as we will provide rollout updates and preview these enhancements ahead of their release.

### What is NOT changing:

- How students are assessed
- How items are holistically scored, nor how they are educator scored (although enhancements are on the roadmap for educator scoring!)
- Test results: how scores and reports are generated and interpreted



Click [HERE](#) for a sneak peek of the upcoming PreLAS Online enhancements!



## **NEW SUMMER SCHOOL RESOURCE TO MONITOR LANGUAGE PROGRESS**

DRC is excited to extend additional support to Texas LEAs through our new PreLAS Observational Progress Assessment. This observational assessment, **available in English and Spanish**, is designed to assist LEAs in meeting the summer school requirements of [TAC 89.1250 \(d\) \(7\)](#):

*Reporting of student progress shall be approved by the board of trustees. A summary of **student progress shall be provided to parents** at the conclusion of the program. This **summary shall be provided to the student's teacher** at the beginning of the next regular school term.*

The PreLAS Observational Progress Assessment is designed to allow **systematic observation, recording, and monitoring** of young children's language and early literacy skills during this important time of development. The observations take place multiple times over a summer school period. The skills measured include students' oral language, literacy-related oral language, and early literacy.



The PreLAS Observational Progress Assessment measures a range of behaviors and skills typical of three-, four- and five-year-old children in summer school settings with a focus on their increasing abilities to communicate with their teachers as well as with other children. The assessment includes targeted communicative behaviors and individual language and literacy skills that are easily observed during daily activities and routines.

The **results** of the observations provide **information that is useful for instructional planning, program evaluation, and for sharing with a child's parents or guardians.**

The following are a few examples of observations included in the assessment:

<b>Oral Language</b>	Participates in classroom routines such as greetings and leave-takings, using polite words, calling out responses, and transitioning to new activities.
<b>Literacy-Related Oral Language</b>	Takes pleasure in sound and wordplay such as "child rhymes"; uses alliteration; or matches beginning letter sounds and words.
<b>Early Literacy</b>	Recognizes and names familiar signs in the environment.

Teachers give each observation a performance rating based on a scale of 1-4: Pre-Production (1), Beginning Performance (2), Intermediate Performance (3) and Successful Performance (4) with accompanying Performance Rating Descriptors.

Interested in learning more about the PreLAS Observational Progress Assessment? Please provide your contact information by filling out this [Interest Form](#) and a DRC team member will follow up with you to provide more assessment detail and ordering information.

*Please note that the PreLAS Observational Progress Assessment is **not a required assessment** for the Single Statewide identification of Emergent Bilingual students and is an **optional assessment** available to all LEAs.*



## **LAS LINKS INTERIM FOR CREDIT BY EXAM & SPANISH COURSE PLACEMENT**

DRC’s Spanish interim assessment, LAS Links Español Form B, is an option that LEAs may use to be sure that students are placed with accuracy and fidelity in Spanish courses. By using LAS Links Español B for this purpose, teachers and administrators can be confident that students are in the correct Spanish I–VI course—no matter their Spanish language background, Beginning to Advanced, Heritage Speakers to Newcomers.

The DRC research team has taken a data-driven and focus group approach to develop a research-based table that aligns **LAS Links Español B** results to **ACTFL proficiency levels** and **TEKS expectations**. Using clear score ranges and simple proficiency guidelines, the table provides educators with cut scores for placement and for Credit by Examination (CBE), based on the LAS Links Español B results across the 4 domains of Hablando, Escuchando, Lectura, y Escritura.

Once students have completed the LAS Links Español B assessment, which is on the same DRC INSIGHT platform/interface used for EB student identification and already installed throughout most, if not all Texas LEAs, educators simply use the table to crosswalk the student’s proficiency scores to determine placement in Spanish I-VI courses. It is that easy!

Essentially, LEAs have the opportunity to use the LAS Links Español Form B assessment to quickly turnkey student Spanish language proficiency results into clear, practical, and accurate decisions while recognizing students’ language skills and placing them accordingly.

Interested in learning more about using LAS Links Español B for Credit by Exam and Spanish Course Placement? Please provide your contact information by filling out this [Interest Form](#) and a DRC team member will follow up with you to provide assessment and ordering information.

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