

LAS Links Student Proficiency Report

Explanation for Parents/Guardians



The LAS Links Assessment is a test built to measure a student's English language ability and growth.

Student Report

The Student Report gives parents and guardians information about their child's test results. The LAS Links tests students' English language ability in social and school settings each year. It reports scores and ability levels for each of the following English language skills:

- Overall:
 - The Overall score is the average of the scale scores of Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing and is a strong measure of students' general English language ability.
- Main Skill Areas:
 - Speaking
 - Listening
 - Reading
 - Writing
- Combined Skill Areas:
 - Comprehension (Listening + Reading)
 - Productive (Speaking + Writing)
 - Oral (Speaking + Listening)
 - Literacy (Reading + Writing)

Scores and Proficiency Levels

Points Possible: The total number of points that may be earned in each skill area.

Points Obtained: The number of points the student earned for correct answers in each skill area.

Scale Score: The number of Points Obtained changed to a score that shows a student's progress from one school year to the next. Each skill area has its own scale of scores, so scores shouldn't be compared across areas. For example, do not compare a Listening scale score to a Speaking scale score.

Proficiency Level: Each student's scale scores are put into one of five levels, which describe their English language abilities.

Proficiency Level Descriptions

Level 1: Beginning

At Level 1, the student is just starting to communicate at school, mostly through gestures and the home language.

Level 2: Early Intermediate

At Level 2, the student is using English but with regular errors that may interfere with communication.

Level 3: Intermediate

At Level 3, the student is developing the ability to effectively communicate but may make errors.

Level 4: Proficient

At Level 4, the student can effectively communicate but with a few errors.

Level 5: Above Proficient

At Level 5, the student effectively communicates for social and school purposes with few, if any, errors.

Second Page of the Student Report

The **top of the second page** shows the Points Obtained, Points Possible, and the Reference Group Average (RGA) for each skill area. The RGA is the expected average performance of the students who participated in the LAS Links.

The **bottom of the second page** includes a Lexile measure aligned to a student's overall English language score. The Lexile measure is used to measure reading ability, and using this **free** resource, you may find books that can improve your child's reading. Just go to www.lexile.com and type in the Lexile number your child received to find lists of books.