

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Between **February 2nd** and **March 30th**, your child will be taking the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA21). This annual test provides information on your student's progress in English in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The ELPA21 also helps to inform the school's decision about what kind of ELL services your student needs and also provides information about how well Seattle Public Schools are doing to help students learn to speak, read, write, and understand English.

All eligible ELL students will be taking this test including students who qualified for ELL services, but whose parents chose to waive services.

We ask that you try to make sure your student is at school during this testing window.

When the scores for the ELPA21 become available, you will receive a letter with your child's profile outlining his/her overall proficiency in English as well as the individual scores for speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Thank you for working with us to ensure your child's success.

Sincerely,