

## **English Language Proficiency Assessment / Reassessment Information Guide for Parents and Guardians Grades 9, 11, and 12**

New Brunswick's *English Language Proficiency Assessment/Reassessment (ELPA/R)* is an assessment of students' reading comprehension skills. It is based on the *Atlantic Canada Grade 8 English Language Arts Curriculum* outcomes and the *New Brunswick Provincial Achievement Standards in Reading* for the end of Grade 8.

Data obtained from the *ELPA/R* provides information about individual student achievement in literacy and provides a perspective on school, district, and provincial trends.

### **Who participates in the *English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)*?**

The *ELPA* is compulsory for all **Grade 9** students, unless an exemption is obtained. It is a New Brunswick high school graduation requirement that students score at or above the *Appropriate Achievement* level.

### **Who participates in the *English Language Proficiency Reassessment (ELPR)*?**

The *ELPR* is identical to the *ELPA* and is written by students in **Grades 11 and 12** who failed to score at or above the *Appropriate Achievement* level or who obtained an exemption in Grade 9. Please note that students in **Grade 10** who were unsuccessful on the *ELPA* **do not participate** in the reassessment during their Grade 10 year which allows them to receive targeted literacy intervention before they write the *ELPR* in Grade 11.

### **Are accommodations available?**

Accommodations are alterations that do not jeopardize the integrity or content of the assessment. Such accommodations give students an equal opportunity to demonstrate what they know and can do. Not all accommodations available in the classroom setting are appropriate for provincial assessments. Requests for accommodations require the approval of the school principal, district, and EECD. For more information please refer to [Provincial Assessment Program: Protocols for Accommodations and Exemptions](#)

### **Who may be exempt?**

A student may be granted an exemption from participating in the *ELPA/R* when justified by the student's personalized learning plan. The approval of parents/guardians, school principal, district, and EECD is required. A permanent or temporary exemption may be granted.

### **When do students write the ELPA/R?**

The *ELPA/R* is written during the high school exam period, January 13-24, 2020.

### **What is the format of the ELPA/R?**

To ensure alignment with our provincial standards, a review committee of New Brunswick educators selected the content of the assessment. Students have 90 minutes to complete the assessment, with up to 90 extra minutes, if needed.

The use of dictionaries, thesauri, and translation devices is **not** permitted for the *ELPA/R*.

Text Type:

- 4 Literary Texts
- 4 Informational Texts

Question Type:

- Literal Responses 20%
- Inferential/Interpretive Responses 60%
- Personal/Critical/Evaluative Responses 20%

Format:

- 50 multiple choice items

### **How are the results reported?**

*ELPA/R* results are reported by achievement level--*Strong Achievement, Appropriate Achievement, and Below Appropriate Achievement*--and by percentage of correct responses for each text type and question type.

Students receive their individual results.

### **Where can I find more information?**

Information about the *ELPA/R* can be found on the Education and Early Childhood Development website under Assessment and Evaluation at:

[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/k12/content/anglophone\\_sector/assessment\\_evaluation.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/k12/content/anglophone_sector/assessment_evaluation.html)

If you have questions, please contact the Anglophone Division's Assessment, Analysis, & Design Services Branch at (506) 453-2744.