

Informal DTC Webinar: Q&A Session – May 9, 2018

ELPA21 Screener

Q: Do we know what time the online ELPA21 training will begin?

- Online trainings will begin June 18 (morning)/19 (afternoon).
- Modules available online and times are TBA.

Q: Will there be pilot schools, which will be required to use the ELPA21 screener with all students?

- No.

Q: Will there be separate modules for ELPA21 Screener TAs? This is a very different group of teachers, IAs, etc. that have never been trained. If we are implementing this in 18-19 we would need to have training available ahead of time.

- Yes, ELPA21 Screener training modules are separated by materials, so TAs will have material that is relevant to training and administering.

Q: If a TA was trained during 17-18 do they need to be retrained for 18-19? If they are trained for ELPA21 Screener summer 2018 are they covered for ELPA21 in the winter of 2019?

- (updated answer) Based on local district roles and procedures, districts will need to ensure that DTCs and/or EL Coordinators complete the ODE-required ELPA21 Screener training prior to locally training staff to administer the ELPA21 Screener. Staff who completed security training in 2017 will not need to re-complete that security training until the normal Oct.-Nov. training period in 2018. Staff who have not previously received test security training will need to the Test Security training module before administering the ELPA21 screener.

Q: For the pre-K vs. K scoring standards: what if we administer test on August 15? Is that pre-K or K?

- Any student testing before August 15th at 11:59pm will be tested as Pre-K, and all students testing after 12:00am August 15th will be tested as K.

Q: Is there more information available about the transition process from temp to permanent SSIDs?

- There is currently no new information available.

Q: Just to be clear, the June 18 and 19 trainings are just technical, NOT the official TA/security training, right?

- They are not security trainings, but they will be previewing the Screener and how to administer to students.

Q: Can you talk about the early stop and the requirement for local scoring?

- ELPA21 Screener is broken into 3 steps:
 - o Step 1: practice (nothing counts, just the students getting acquainted with test).
 - o Step 2: live items (shorter portion of the test, test determines if student is clearly proficient or not).
 - If the test determines that the student is clearly not proficient enough, it will essentially not waste students time and will complete and score the student right then without moving on (Early Stop).
- Step 3: is moved through by TA.
- Any test that stops in step 2 will not need centralized scoring.

Q: June 18th and 19th training will involve all the necessary information needed for a TA to know how to properly administer the test?

- Yes. However, the June 18th and 19th trainings will contain no security component, only administration.