

LAS Links Vendor FAQ

Vendor Name: Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)

Product Name: LAS Links

Question	Answers
<p>What grades are covered?</p>	<p>Kindergarten through 12th grade All grade levels include the domains of Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing.</p>
<p>Is there a pre/post-test?</p>	<p>Yes. LAS Links offers multiple forms that may be used for pre/post testing. LAS Links Form A is currently used by all Texas LEAs as the single statewide assessment for the purpose of Emergent Bilingual (EB) identification. The data point used for identification may be used as the pre-test, baseline data point. The additional forms of LAS Links allow for progress monitoring/post-test data.</p>
<p>What is LAS Links?</p>	<p>LAS Links is an integrated suite of authentic English and Spanish language proficiency assessments designed to strengthen your Emergent Bilingual program.</p> <p>This research-based assessment allows teachers to target areas of student language deficiencies and build upon areas of strength. The platform enables educators to understand the progress of students as they move through the stages of language acquisition.</p> <p>LAS Links offers four (4) English forms (A, B, C, D). All forms are offered online and provide individual student language proficiency reports as well as summary and longitudinal reports, allowing progress to be monitored within grades and year over year for each student as well as cohorts of students.</p>
<p>What was LAS Links designed to do?</p>	<p>LAS Links is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurately assess K–12 English language proficiency • Monitor student progress/growth towards English language proficiency development goals • Allow teachers to develop targeted strategies to accelerate progress toward language proficiency • Pinpoint areas of student language strengths and weaknesses well before TELPAS testing, allowing for targeted and meaningful instruction for each student • Provide student results in a timely manner in order to provide meaningful instruction

<p>How can I use LAS Links?</p>	<p>LAS Links Form A is currently used by all Texas LEAs as the single statewide assessment for the purpose of Emergent Bilingual identification. Beyond identification, the additional forms of LAS Links may be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor student language growth, allowing LEAs to set growth targets for all Emergent Bilinguals and their individual language proficiency levels in all domains (Speaking, Listening, Reading and/or Writing) and/or the Overall composite score • Assess school academic language that is critical for student achievement growth in K–12 instructional settings, emphasizing rigor in the measurement of academic language • Identify difficulties students may have in the English language, and to monitor and track their progress in attaining English language proficiency • Understand and diagnose students’ language needs for actively participating not only in general instructional settings but in discipline-specific learning as well
<p>Does LAS Links provide expected growth targets for students? Yes/No Answer</p>	<p>Yes. LAS Links provides growth target ranges based on students’ scale scores within each domain and/or composite score(s). Using the LAS Links Growth Study as a guide, LEAs may determine the appropriate growth targets for their Emergent Bilingual program.</p>
<p>How can districts use LAS Links to determine end-of-year student growth for purposes of TIA?</p>	<p>All LAS Links English forms (A, B, C, D) are on the same vertical scale, meaning student and cohort language growth during the year, as well as year over year, may be determined by using any of the forms of the assessment. Using the scale score(s) obtained by LAS Links English Form A during the EB identification process, the grade level scale score tables, and the LAS Links growth study, districts may determine what scale score range(s) for each domain and/or composite scores they wish to set as local (language development) growth targets.</p>
<p>What types of data reporting capabilities are included with LAS Links?</p>	<p>The LAS Links Interactive Reporting System provides robust reports, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Proficiency Reports • Roster Reports • Strand Reports • Longitudinal Reports (including Student History Reports) • Reading Links/Lexile Reports • Home Reports • Item Analysis Reports <p>Data derived from these reports can be viewed at the student, class, campus, and LEA levels to determine student growth. Click here for LAS Links Sample Reports</p>

For more information on this resource please refer to the vendor website and reach out to a representative.

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