

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 interim 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 Dual Language Immersion/Transitional/ESL program efficacy.</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 six (6) English forms (A, B, C, D, E, F) and two (2) Spanish forms. 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 language proficiency. • Monitor student progress/growth towards 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 (within hours (local scoring option) to up to 6 business days (DRC Scoring Services option) in order to provide meaningful instruction.

<p>How can I use LAS Links?</p>	<p>LAS Links Form A is used by all Texas LEAs as the assessment for the purpose of EB identification. Beyond identification, the interim 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 EB students and their individual language proficiency levels in all domains (Speaking, Listening, Reading and/or Writing) and/or the Overall composite score. • Assess academic language that is critical for student achievement. • Identify language difficulties students may have and to monitor and track their progress in attaining 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?</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 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- F) 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 (includes Lexile data) • Roster, Strand and Cohort Reports • Longitudinal Reports (including Student History 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>
<p>What outcomes studies have been done on LAS Links’s efficacy of the tools used and outcomes for student growth/performance?</p>	<p>DRC has conducted numerous Reliability and Validity studies on the LAS Links assessments. The most recent is this study conducted on one of our newest test forms and submitted for Federal Peer Review.</p>

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

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