



What is the LAT?

A version of the TAKS test with linguistic accommodations.

When a student takes a test with linguistic accommodations, the student receives assistance with the language of the test. This assistance is available to eligible students who have moved to the U.S. from other countries and are learning the English language. Linguistic accommodations help these students better understand the questions on the test so they can demonstrate their academic knowledge and skills. A TAKS LAT version is generally shorter than the TAKS test.

Different kinds of linguistic accommodations are possible.

These accommodations can include:

- Reading words aloud
- Bilingual and English dictionaries
- Bilingual glossaries for Math and Science
- More frequent breaks
- Two day testing for Reading/ELA test

What grades and subjects are eligible?

- Available in Grades 3-8 and 10 for Math, Reading/ELA
- In grades 5, 8, and 10 for Science

Who takes a (LAT) test?

- Math and Science – all Limited English Proficient Students
- Reading/ELA-Limited English Proficient students in their 2nd and 3rd year only not first year immigrant students.
- Eligible immigrant English language learners

What about LAT and 5th and 8th Grade TAKS passing standards?

Students in grades 5 and 8 assessed with LAT Math and Reading are not subject to passing standards for promotion and do not retake the test. They test during the May retest administration.

How to bubble a (LAT) answer document? Score code L, LAT Info column A & B

- The “L” in the score code field must be marked for each LAT taker

- The LAT form field must be coded for which language was used for testing English or Spanish.
- The LAT INFO area Column A must be coded with a value even if no accommodations were used. (Value 7 for accommodations allowed but none used)
- The LAT INFO Column B must also be coded.

How is a (LAT) test used?

- Used for Federal accountability
- Not included in campus and district summary reports

Resources

TEA Website http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3300&menu_id=793#lat

[2010 LAT Test Administration Manual](#) (posted 01/29/10)

[LAT Procedures for Spring 2010](#) (posted 2/12/10)

[Training Test Administrators on Providing LAT Accommodations](#) (posted 2/12/10)

[Training Test Administrators on Providing Linguistic Accommodations](#) (posted 2/12/10)

[Parent Brochure – LAT Information about Your Child’s Test Results \(English and Spanish\)](#)
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