

Information about the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT)

What is the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT)?

The NYSESLAT is a test that assesses how well your child can read, write, listen, and speak in English. The NYSESLAT is administered over multiple days.

Your child's results on the Spring 2021 NYSESLAT will help the school determine the type and frequency of services they need for the 2021-2022 school year to help them continue learning English. This includes English as a New Language services and bilingual education services if your child is enrolled in a bilingual education program.

Who takes the NYSESLAT?

Students identified or provisionally identified as English Language Learners in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

When will the NYSESLAT be given this school year?

This year, students will take the NYSESLAT between April 19, 2021 and June 9, 2021. Students take the NYSESLAT during the school day.

Where will my child take the NYSESLAT?

The NYSESLAT is given in-person by a certified educator in your child's school. Your child may take all or part of the exam with other classmates. Your school will prepare and create a schedule to ensure the health and safety of all students.

My child is attending school fully remotely. Can they still take the NYSESLAT?

Children who are attending school fully remotely can still take the NYSESLAT. Because of COVID-19, they are not required to take it. If you want your child to take the NYSESLAT this spring, please contact your school to schedule testing for your child at their school.

If my child is attending school fully remotely, and does not take the Spring 2021 NYSESLAT, what will happen?

If your child receives fully remote instruction and does not take the NYSESLAT, your school will use your child's most recent English language proficiency level to determine the type and frequency of English language development support your child will receive for the 2021-2022 school year.

This English language proficiency level might be based your student's Spring 2019 NYSESLAT score or your child's results from the New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL).

Where can I learn more about the NYSESLAT?

To learn more about the NYSESLAT visit New York State's webpage, which contains Parent Guides that are available in multiple languages: <http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/nysitell-and-nyseslat-parent-guides>