

LANGUAGE SERVICE PLANS

frequently asked questions

What is a Language Service Plan (LSP)?

An LSP is an individualized plan for EL students that shows how their language needs are being met. It includes Four Parts:

Student Information – crucial information like student language, English Language Proficiency Test Scores, and other demographic information can help you make decisions about how to best serve your ELs.

Goals – Language goals in the domains of reading, writing, speaking, and listening show where your student is now and what objectives you can help them reach at the same time as they learn new content in your class.

State Testing Accommodations – This page shows the supports ELs will receive on state tests this school year.

Signatures – All stakeholders should sign to signify their agreement with the plan.

How does the Academic Documentation Form relate to the LSP?

The Academic Documentation Form is part of the LSP, though it is housed digitally and not printed like the LSP. The goals students have on their LSPs can help inform the supports you give them on the Academic Documentation Form. Also, the Form provides documentation that the State Testing Accommodations portion of the LSP is being implemented in your classroom.

Wait, can I give accommodations in the classroom that can't be given on state tests?

YES! You can do anything in your classroom that is necessary to make content comprehensible for ELs. However, if students are receiving accommodations on state tests, they must be receiving these accommodations in the classroom as well.

How can I use the LSP to help my EL students?

The goals section shows language objectives each student can achieve (with some scaffolds). You can use these goals to help inform the language you expect students to use independently. The goals also give ideas of how to accurately assess ELs' content knowledge by accommodating for language skills they have not yet acquired. The State Testing Accommodations section can help ELs have better access to state tests. The Academic Documentation Form helps you document the scaffolds needed for each EL students.