

CELLA Interpretive Guide

The Purpose of the CELLA

Florida uses the Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA) as a tool to measure the progress of English Language Learners' (ELLs) proficiency in English; thus, ensuring the skills needed in school to achieve at high levels, academically. For more information about the CELLA, visit the Florida CELLA website at <http://www.fl DOE.org/aala/cella.asp> to download the CELLA Parent Information Brochure and Interpretive Guide in the following languages:

- English
- Chinese/Zhongwen
- Portuguese
- Urdu
- Spanish
- French
- Russian
- Vietnamese
- Arabic
- Haitian Creole
- Tagalog

Uses of the CELLA Scores

The CELLA provides individual student information to parents and teachers. It also provides information to schools, districts, and the state on how well a school's programs are working.

The CELLA provides evidence of program accountability in accordance with Title I and Title III of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). NCLB mandates schools and districts to meet state accountability objectives for increasing the English language proficiency of English language learners. These accountability requirements are called Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs).

States are required to report on the achievement of three AMAOs:

1. Progress towards acquiring English language proficiency
2. Attainment of English language proficiency
3. Academic progress in academic reading and mathematics by ELLs

Annual goals must be set for each objective. Districts that do not meet the goals for all three AMAOs must inform the parents of all ELLs about the district's performance. This notice must be provided, if possible, in a language the parent understands. For additional information regarding NCLB, go to <http://www.fl DOE.org/nclb>.



2015 CELLA Individual Student Report (ISR)

Every student who takes the CELLA will receive an ISR containing information about his or her performance on the test. A sample of the front page of an ISR is below. The letters A, B, C, and D match the descriptions of the information provided.

**Florida Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment
2015 Student Report**

Student Name: FIRST NAME MI LAST NAME
Student ID#: 0123456789
Home Language: Spanish
Grade: 12
School: (1234) SCHOOL NAME - MAX 40 CHARACTERS
District: (12) DISTRICT NAME - MAX 40 CHARACTERS

Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy
Test Date: mm/dd/2015
Test Level: D

Students are assigned a scale score for each subject. This scale score is a conversion of the points scored for a subject to a common scale that allows for a comparison between students and summarizes the overall level of performance attained by each student.

LISTENING/SPEAKING	
Proficient 739–835	High Intermediate 714–738
Low Intermediate 682–713	Beginning 580–681

READING	
Proficient 778–820	High Intermediate 762–777
Low Intermediate 744–761	Beginning 605–743

WRITING	
Proficient 746–850	High Intermediate 721–745
Low Intermediate 690–720	Beginning 600–689

Listening	
Points Scored 16	Possible Points 22

Reading	
Points Scored 18	Possible Points 26

Writing	
Points Scored 21	Possible Points 39

Scale Score **715** High Intermediate

Scale Score **759** Low Intermediate

Scale Score **697** Low Intermediate

C

Listening/Speaking Sub-Scores	
Scored	Possible
6	8
5	8
5	6
3	6
6	8
8	10

Reading/Writing Sub-Scores	
Scored	Possible
6	9
12	17
5	9
6	12
7	12
3	6

D

NT (Not Tested) – Student answered too few items to receive a score or student not tested for the subject.
OLT (Off Level Test) – Test level not appropriate for student's grade level.
ET (Exempt from Test) – Student was not tested due to being exempted from the subject.
* For information regarding performance, please see the back of this report.

A Student Information

This section displays the student's name, identification number, date of birth, home language, test date, grade, and test level. In addition, this section includes information of the school and district that administered the CELLA to the student.

B Scale Scores

This section summarizes the student's performance within each section (Listening/Speaking, Reading, and Writing) of the CELLA. The following information is shown in the blue boxes:

Performance Level is indicated by a black arrow that points to the rank of the student's Performance Level (Beginning, Low Intermediate, High Intermediate, and Proficient) and shows how the student's score compares to all possible scores on that section of the test. The rank of the Performance Level within each section is listed again at the bottom of the blue boxes.

Points Scored is the number of points the student earned on that section of the test.

Possible Points is the number of points the student would receive if he or she answered every question correctly.

Scale Scores show the student's performance on each section of the test.

Note:

NT (Not Tested) displayed in any Scale Score box means that the student did not complete enough test questions to provide a valid test score, or the test section was invalidated.

ET (Exempt from Test) displayed in any Scale Score box means that the student was not given that section of the test.

OLT (Off Level Test) displayed in any Scale Score box means that the student was not administered the appropriate test level for the student's grade level.

For additional information on why the student did not receive a score or was exempted, contact the student's teacher.

(C) Sub-Scores

This section of the Student Report displays the sub-scores. Sub-scores are given for Listening/Speaking and Reading/Writing. These sub-scores give more detailed information about the student's academic strengths and weaknesses.

Sub-scores are considered "raw scores," which include the number of points the student scored correctly on that section of the test. As a result, sub-scores are only valuable in relation to the test and cannot be compared from year to year.

For students taking Level A, the number of points possible in the sub-scores for a section may not add up to the total number of possible points in that section of the test as a whole. That is because some test items are included in the overall score, but are not included in the sub-scores.

(D) Footnotes

Footnotes define the abbreviations that might appear on the Student Report.

NT (Not Tested) – The student answered too few items to receive a score, the student was not tested for that section, or the test section was invalidated.

ET (Exempt from Test) – The student was not tested due to being exempted from that section. Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students are the only students that may be exempted from a test section.

OLT (Off Level Test) – The test level was not appropriate for the student's grade level.

How to Understand the 2015 CELLA Scale Scores

The Proficiency Level Descriptors explain each Scale Score by describing what the student knows and is able to do in English. The range of the Scale Scores, from the lowest possible score to the highest possible score, is shown below for each section of the test:

Scale Score Ranges					
LISTENING & SPEAKING SKILLS					
Grades	K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	Proficiency Level Descriptors
Beginning	495-632	560-675	565-680	580-681	Student speaks and understands spoken English that is below grade level.
Low Intermediate	633-649	676-697	681-712	682-713	Student speaks in English and understands spoken English that is at or below grade level.
High Intermediate	650-672	698-719	713-732	714-738	Student, with minimal support, speaks in English and understands spoken English that is at grade level.
Proficient	673-755	720-805	733-830	739-835	Student speaks in English and understands spoken English at grade level in a manner similar to non-ELL students.

READING					
Grades	K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	Proficiency Level Descriptors
Beginning	345-545	590-689	600-713	605-743	Student reads in English below grade level text.
Low Intermediate	546-628	690-714	714-741	744-761	Student reads in English at or below grade level text.
High Intermediate	629-689	715-733	742-758	762-777	Student reads in English at grade level text with minimal support.
Proficient	690-800	734-810	759-815	778-820	Student reads in English grade level text in a manner similar to non-ELL students.

WRITING					
Grades	K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	Proficiency Level Descriptors
Beginning	515-636	575-674	580-687	600-689	Student writes in English below grade level and requires continuous support.
Low Intermediate	637-657	675-702	688-719	690-720	Student writes in English at or below grade level and requires some support.
High Intermediate	658-689	703-726	720-745	721-745	Student writes in English at grade level with minimal support
Proficient	690-775	727-825	746-845	746-850	Student writes in English at grade level in a manner similar to non-ELL students.

The score ranges and descriptions of the English proficiency levels are also located on the back page of the Student Report.