

HSA-Alt English Language Arts

Grades 3-8 and 11

Test Design and Blueprints

Hawai'i State Alternate Assessments in English Language Arts (HSA-Alt ELA) are intended to provide all students with a fair, valid, and reliable test of their English Language Arts knowledge and skills. Items are based upon the [HSA-Alt ELA Range Performance Level Descriptors](#).

Test Design

Each student's test will consist of 40 operational items, which contribute to student scores, and 10-20 field test items. The field test items do not impact student scores. Students will see a variety of subject strands throughout their test including Reading-Literature, Reading-Informational, Writing, and Language.

The tests will be presented in an adaptive manner for all online assessments; therefore, the items are selected one at a time based on the blueprint and how the student answers previous items. This means that tests will be uniquely adaptive for each student, maximizing the information obtained from student responses for students at all ability levels. The test will be one segment and will have field test items embedded.

Test Blueprints

Grade 3 ELA		
	# of Items Per Strand	% of Items Per Strand
Reading	22-24	55%-60%
Literature	11-12	28%-30%
Informational	11-12	28%-30%
Writing	8-10	20%-25%
Language	8-10	20%-25%
# Operational Items	40	
# Embedded Field Test Items	10-20	
Total # of Items	50-60	

Grade 4 ELA		
	# of Items Per Strand	% of Items Per Strand
Reading	22-24	55%-60%
Literature	11-12	28%-30%
Informational	11-12	28%-30%
Writing	8-10	20%-25%
Language	8-10	20%-25%
# Operational Items	40	
# Embedded Field Test Items	10-20	
Total # of Items	50-60	

Grade 5 ELA		
	# of Items Per Strand	% of Items Per Strand
Reading	22-24	55%-60%
Literature	11-12	28%-30%
Informational	11-12	28%-30%
Writing	8-10	20%-25%
Language	8-10	20%-25%
# Operational Items	40	
# Embedded Field Test Items	10-20	
Total # of Items	50-60	

Grade 6 ELA		
	# of Items Per Strand	% of Items Per Strand
Reading	21-25	53%-63%
Literature	10-12	25%-30%
Informational	11-13	28%-33%
Writing	8-10	20%-25%
Language	8-10	20%-25%
# Operational Items	40	
# Embedded Field Test Items	10-20	
Total # of Items	50-60	

Grade 7 ELA		
	# of Items Per Strand	% of Items Per Strand
Reading	21-25	53%-63%
Literature	10-12	25%-30%
Informational	11-13	28%-33%
Writing	8-10	20%-25%
Language	8-10	20%-25%
# Operational Items	40	
# Embedded Field Test Items	10-20	
Total # of Items	50-60	

Grade 8 ELA		
	# of Items Per Strand	% of Items Per Strand
Reading	21-25	53%-63%
Literature	10-12	25%-30%
Informational	11-13	28%-33%
Writing	8-10	20%-25%
Language	8-10	20%-25%
# Operational Items	40	
# Embedded Field Test Items	10-20	
Total # of Items	50-60	

Grade 11 ELA		
	# of Items Per Strand	% of Items Per Strand
Reading	22-26	55%-65%
Literature	9-11	23%-28%
Informational	13-15	33%-38%
Writing	8-10	20%-25%
Language	8-10	20%-25%
# Operational Items	40	
# Embedded Field Test Items	10-20	
Total # of Items	50-60	