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## **Assessment Policy 2019-2020**

### **Every Voice Counts**

At English Language Private School, the assessment process is continuous and integrated with teaching and learning. It is how teachers gain strong knowledge of their students' needs achievements and abilities, enabling planning and delivery to be more effective, resulting in raised attainment for every child.

At English Language Private School, the assessment procedure is strongly linked to the curriculum expectations and the U.A.E National Agenda Parameter.

### **Assessments to monitor our progress towards the NAP:**

The following assessments are/will be conducted phase specific in this Academic Year.

(eTIMSS and PISA subject to specific years).

#### **Phase 1:**

- a) GL Baseline Test

#### **Phase 2:**

- a) CAT 4: Year 2, Year 4 and new admissions
- b) GL Progress Test Series (English, Math, Science) Year 1-6
- c) GL PASS from Year 2 to 6
- d) IBT Arabic (selected classes)

#### **Phase 3:**

- a) CAT 4 for new admissions only
- b) IBT Arabic
- c) GL Progress Test Series (English, Math, Science) Year 7-10
- d) GL PASS
- e) Edexcel International GCSE exams for Year 11
- d) IBT Arabic

#### **Phase 4:**

- a) ALIS – AS and A Level
- b) International Advanced Subsidiary for Year 12
- c) International Advanced Level for Year 13



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**At ELS both formative and summative assessments are used effectively to make accurate decisions to inform planning, intervention and challenge.**

**FORMATIVE** is Assessment FOR Learning

Formative assessment is a continuous process and part of the teaching and learning cycle. Majority of the ongoing assessment is formative in nature, meant to inform planning and instruction. The most common forms of formative assessment used are:

- ✓ Talking and listening to students
- ✓ Use of high quality questioning skills by teachers
- ✓ Providing opportunities for paired talk
- ✓ Investigation and problem- solving tasks
- ✓ Presentations
- ✓ Providing verbal and written feedback on students' work and attitude to learning
- ✓ Progress checks and Rubrics
- ✓ Research based integrated projects
- ✓ Exit/Entry cards

**SUMMATIVE** is Assessment OF Learning

Summative assessment tasks are designed to give information on what students can do, know and understand at the end of a unit of work. Each unit of work in any subject has a summative assessment task(s) at the end of the unit, feedback on which is reported for parents to see. It also informs teachers of how well students have understood, retained learning and the progress they have made over a period of time. It informs long -term planning.

- ✓ End of unit Assessments
- ✓ Half term Assessments
- ✓ Mid Year Assessment
- ✓ End of year Assessment
- ✓ External Assessments
- ✓ Benchmarking Assessments



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**At ELS, students take responsibility of accelerating their progress through:**

**SELF ASSESSMENT**

- ✓ Evaluating their own achievement against shared learning outcomes
- ✓ Identifying their own strengths and areas for improvement
- ✓ Use rubrics, progress checks and target setting statements
- ✓ Students' Personal Statements explaining their achievements and targets at PT meetings

**PEER ASSESSMENT**

- ✓ Pair and Share opportunities
- ✓ Use success criteria guidelines to comment on a peer's work
- ✓ Reason and suggest next steps of improvement

**Communication with Parents about Learning and Assessment at ELS:**

Parents are kept up to date with their children's progress through the online school portal EduPage and during Parent Teacher Meetings in October, January/February and June; where children's work, achievements and next steps are discussed. Students are invited to attend these meetings.

Detailed progress reports are issued in January/February and June.

Parents are also welcome to make an appointment with their child's teacher to discuss their progress at any other point in the school year.

**At ELS, all teachers use information from assessment data analysis to identify:**

- ✓ Teaching Implications
- ✓ Learning Preferences
- ✓ Intervention Needs
- ✓ Opportunities for Challenge
- ✓ Future Targets
- ✓ Impact short and long -term planning
- ✓ Measure progress



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**At ELS, all subject leaders use information from assessment data analysis to identify:**

- ✓ Difference in performance of internal, external and benchmark data
- ✓ Trends in Attainment and Progress over time
- ✓ Research and inspect evidence, to inform policies, practices, expectations, targets and teaching methods.
- ✓ Monitor the progress made in achieving subject plans and targets, evaluate the effects on teaching and learning and use this analysis to guide further improvement.

**At ELS, all SLT/MLT reflect on data analysis to:**

- ✓ Use and analyse data through a triangulated process (CAT4, GL PT & PASS and compared with End of Year) to ensure a clear picture of the attainment and progress of different cohorts and groups of students in order to drive standards.
- ✓ SLT/MLT ensure that data and management information systems are embedded and
- ✓ Fully operational to inform teaching and learning.
- ✓ Track progress of specific cohorts to ensure NAP targets are met.
- ✓ Present detailed analysis to the Governors.

**At ELS, Governors hold the SLT accountable for in terms of data analysis:**

- ✓ Meeting National Agenda Registration Requirements
- ✓ Attainment Data demonstrates effective progress towards meeting the National
- ✓ Agenda Targets
- ✓ Accuracy of data analysis
- ✓ Timely reporting – Data Dialogue with Governors
- ✓ Analysis of targets met or otherwise
- ✓ Detailed Next Steps



## **Phase Specific Assessment**

### **Foundation Stage 2**

The following assessment methods are used to support understanding of children’s development. Regular observation, with next step procedures, links all areas of learning and clearly identifies starting points and progress children have made.

The EYFS profile is a summative assessment of each child’s achievement at the end of the Foundation Stage.

Type of Assessment	Who is Assessed	When
Observations	All students	On going
Monthly tracker	All students	September to June

### **Key stage 1 to 4**

In all subject areas assessments are conducted on a continuous basis as the teaching and learning progresses. Progress and Attainment is tracked using the following curriculum standards.

#### **Progress Standards**

<b>ELS Progress Standards</b>			
<b>Exceeding ARE</b>	<b>On track for ARE</b>	<b>Working towards ARE</b>	<b>Below ARE</b>

<b>Attainment Standards</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Not Promoted F</b>
<b>Year 1 to 10</b>	<b>90-100</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>40-0</b>



## **Post-16**

In all subject areas assessments are conducted on a continuous basis as the teaching and learning progresses. Progress and Attainment is tracked using the following Edexcel curriculum standards.

<b>A-level Attainment Standards</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>AS level</b>		<b>80-89</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>Below 40</b>
<b>A level</b>	<b>90-100</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>Below 40</b>



## Summary of Assessment at ELS for the Academic Session 2019-20

Type of Assessment	Who is Assessed	When
FS2 Baseline	4 &5-yearolds	September 2019
CAT4	Year 2, 4 and new admissions	September 2019
PASS	Year 2 to 13	September 2019
ALIS	Year 12	October 2019
IBT Arabic	Non-Arabs (Year 4D, 6A, 9B, 9C) Arabs (Year 3ACE, 6AC, 7AC, 9AC)	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Autumn Assessment	Year 1 to 13	September 15 <sup>th</sup> to October 15 <sup>th</sup>
Mid-Year (Internal Assessment)	Year 1 to 13	4 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring Assessment	Year 1 to 13	January 15 <sup>th</sup> to February 28 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Assessment	Year 1 to 10	April 15 <sup>th</sup> to May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Mock Exams	Year 11, 12, 13	22 <sup>nd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> March 12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> April
PISA based Test for Schools	Year 10	April 2020



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GL Test Series (English, Math, Science)	Year 2 to 10	May/ June 2020
End of Year (Internal Assessment)	Year 1 to 10	10 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Edexcel International GCSE International AS & A level	Year 11, 12, 13	May/June 2020

***\* End of Year attainment is a combination of 20% of (Autumn, Mid-Year, Spring and Summer Assessment ) and 80% of the End of Year Assessment marks***

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