



**Parent/Caregiver Guide to  
Virtual Early Learning Quick Assessments  
(ELQA) Testing**

**Pre-K**

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## PARENT/CAREGIVER INFORMATION

### About the Assessment

#### **What is ELQA?**

Early Learning Quick Assessments (ELQA) is a computer test created by the University of Oklahoma that pre-k students take three times during the school year. There is a reading assessment and a math assessment. The results help teachers to plan instruction and determine each student's academic growth over time.

#### **Do I need materials?**

The Virtual ELQA does not require any materials to be used outside of the ability to use Zoom with both audio and video.

#### **How do I support my child?**

Students will NOT know all, or even most, of the answers to the questions at the beginning of the year. That is normal and expected. Please do not guide or coach your child in any way toward the correct answers. The best way you can support your child is by remaining positive and encouraging. We have so much to learn together this year, and ELQA will help us design learning that meets your child's needs.



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## TEST ADMINISTRATION

### **Before the Assessment** Student and parent/caregiver

1. Receive the testing date/time and Zoom link from your teacher.
2. Click the Zoom link to log in.
3. Practice using your audio and video. Make sure your teacher can see and hear you, and that you can see and hear your teacher.
4. Follow instructions from your teacher on how to communicate with them before and during the test.
  - a. Teachers will provide support to students/caregivers experiencing testing issues.
5. Listen for directions from your teacher.

### **During the Assessment** Student

1. Listen to the questions your teacher is asking you and answer the best you can.
2. You won't know all the answers! That's okay. That means there are lots of fun things we will learn together this year.

### **During the Assessment** Parent/caregiver

1. Be prepared to contact the teacher should any technical issues arise.
2. Monitor progress of your child and ensure that technical difficulties are not preventing your child from trying their hardest.
3. Do not guide or assist them in any way while they are answering the questions.

### After the Assessment

#### Student

1. Tell your parent/caregiver that you are done with the test.

### After the Assessment

#### Parent/Caregiver

1. Help your child close the ELQA Zoom window.
2. Tell your child “great job” for finishing the assessment!

### Optimal Testing Environment

- Minimal distractions
- Clean work area
- Support person (e.g., parent, caregiver, older sibling) to help with troubleshooting
- Appropriate accommodations (if any) are available and in place

### Parent/Caregiver Role and Responsibilities

Do's	Don't's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Assist your student in logging on</li><li>- Support (troubleshooting)</li><li>- Encourage your child to put forth their very best effort.</li><li>- Allow breaks as needed</li><li>- Contact your teacher for tech support.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Offer or provide answers to test questions, hints, or read anything on the screen to your child.</li></ul>