

TITLE: English Learner Online Accountability System

(OLAS)

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UTLA Chapter Chairs

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Reference Guide is to describe L.A. Unified's process for

monitoring and supporting English Learner programs and services using the EL

Instructional Online Accountability System (OLAS).

BACKGROUND: California school districts are expected to provide effective and compliant

instructional programs and services to all English Learners (ELs) in accordance with the California Education Code and federal statutes and regulations. To ensure districts maintain compliant programs and provide appropriate instructional services to all English Learners, the California Department of Education (CDE), the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and independent auditors monitor and review L.A. Unified's EL program on a regular basis. To support schools in establishing compliant EL programs and services, L.A. Unified has

developed OLAS to collect and store sample evidence and principals'

certifications for required English Learner program activities identified in the

California Education Code and federal statutes and regulations.

The District is responsible for monitoring school site EL programs to assess compliance with state and federal EL program guidelines. The District uses OLAS to monitor the timely completion of legally mandated EL accountabilities. The OLAS is designed to:

- Serve as a school site time-task calendar for required EL program activities
- Provide technical guidance and support to all schools in maintaining mandated EL program evidence in accordance with state and federal requirements
- Offer links to relevant district policies, forms, and other documents
- Provide schools access to files needed to ensure that accurate EL program documentation and data are maintained at school sites

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INSTRUCTIONS:

The school site EL Designee is responsible for completing all required EL program accountabilities on a monthly basis. After completion of the monthly accountabilities, the EL Designee uploads onto OLAS sample evidence of completion of the EL program accountabilities. Thereafter, the school-site certificated administrator certifies in OLAS that the school is implementing a compliant EL program in accordance with the state and federal requirements.

To access OLAS, go to the principal portal at https://principalportal.lausd.net/.

- 1. Click on the *Instructional Online Accountability* link
- 2. Enter the LAUSD Single-Sign On username and password

The EL accountabilities represent a sampling of evidence requirements maintained at the school site per state and federal mandates. The school-site certificated administrator is responsible for certifying the accuracy of the completion of the accountabilities as well as ensuring that all documents are maintained at the school site for a minimum of five years.

Administrators of Instruction, Directors, Local District EL Coordinators, and MMED staff monitor schools' submissions in OLAS in order to inform EL Program compliance training and provide individualized technical guidance and support to schools.

The following resources, available on the MMED EL Program Online Accountabilities webpage, may aid schools in understanding and fulfilling the EL program accountabilities:

- *OLAS FAQs*: Answers to questions frequently asked by school sites
- *OLAS Calendar*: Accountability items organized by due date
- *OLAS Checklist*: Checklist of specific items to be kept on file at the school site and/or uploaded to OLAS each month
- Recent CDE EL Monitoring FPM Instruments: Description of EL program requirements monitored by CDE, the source of OLAS accountability items

Attachment A contains the OLAS Job Aid, which includes instructions for submitting OLAS items, viewing/monitoring accountability items submitted by the school, and assigning OLAS access to an EL Designee.



RELATED

RESOURCES: <u>EL Online Accountability System Calendar</u>

EL Online Accountability System Checklist

CDE EL Monitoring Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Instruments

ASSISTANCE: For assistance, contact the Local District EL Programs Coordinator or Rafael

Escamilla, EL Programs Coordinator at Multilingual and Multicultural Education

Department at (213) 241-5582.



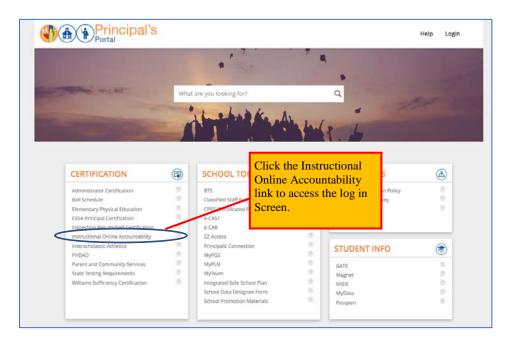
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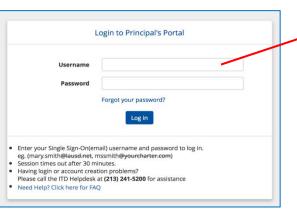
Job Aid Instructional Online Accountability System (OLAS)

The Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department (MMED), in conjunction with the Office of Data and Accountability (ODA) and Information Technology Division (ITD), developed the English Learner *Instructional Online Accountability System (OLAS)* to document and monitor the English Learner program and services provided to ELs throughout the District. School sites utilize this platform to certify completion of EL program accountabilities and upload related documentation as evidence of compliance.

I. Accessing OLAS

OLAS can be accessed through the Principal's Portal: https://principalportal.lausd.net





Log in with your LAUSD username and password.

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II. OLAS Main Menu

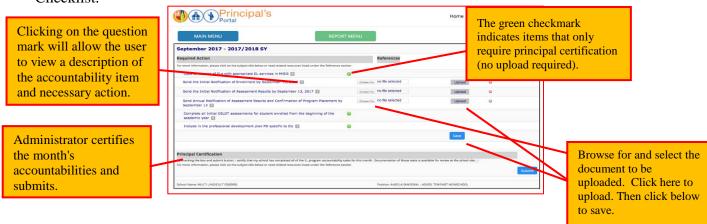
The OLAS Main Menu contains links to access monthly accountabilities and resources. Please download and print the OLAS Task Calendar and Checklist.



NOTE: These documents are essential for understanding what needs to be completed, documented, uploaded and certified in OLAS for each month. All EL Program documentation needs to be kept on file at the school site for a minimum of 5 years as evidence of compliance with state and federal EL program requirements.

III. OLAS Certification (monthly EL accountabilities)

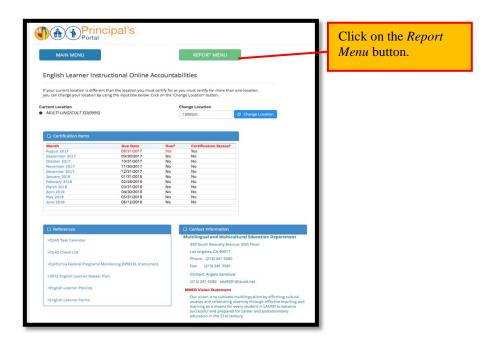
The OLAS Certification page displays the accountability items due at the end of the month. The school site EL Designees will see only the accountability items that require an upload. The school site administrator will see <u>all</u> accountability items referenced in the OLAS Task Calendar and Checklist.



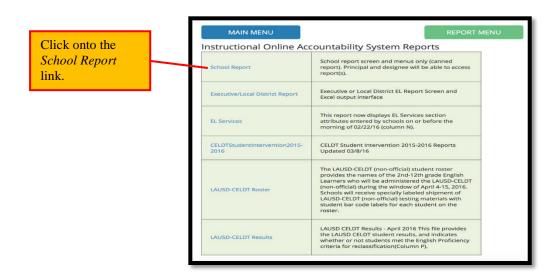
IV. Accessing an OLAS School Report

OLAS users can view, download and print an at-a-glance OLAS school report to monitor the status of monthly accountability uploads and certification.

1. Click onto the green "Report Menu" button to access available reports in OLAS.

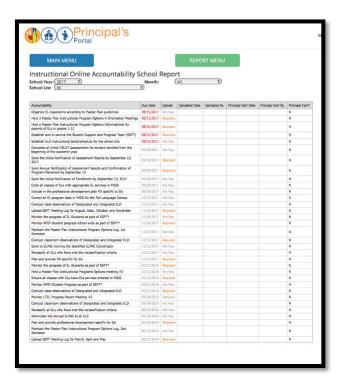


2. The *Report Menu* will display. View the menu and select the *School Report* link to view the OLAS at-a-glance accountability completion report.





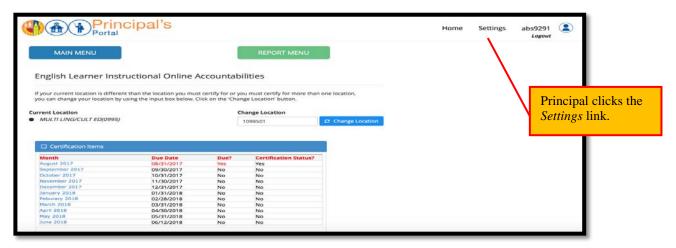
3. The OLAS School Report shows the status of all accountability items for the current school year:



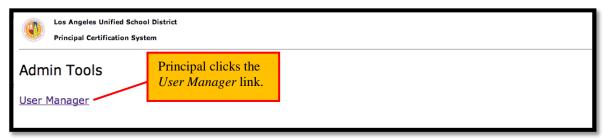
V. Assigning OLAS Access to an EL Designee

Principals have User Manager access, which allows them to assign OLAS access to the school site EL Designee. This will allow the EL Designee to upload EL documents in OLAS. EL Designees (who are not administrators) cannot certify OLAS accountability items.

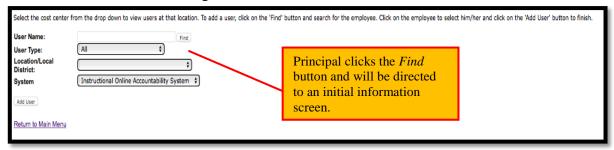
1. To assign access, click onto the Settings link.



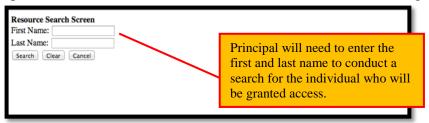
2. Click on User Manager to open the access page needed to assign access.



3. Click on the *Find* button to begin a name search.



4. Enter the individual's first and last name then click onto the search button. A new screen will open. Select the name of the individual to whom access will be granted.



5. Select the appropriate information: User Type, Location/Local District, and Instructional Online Accountability System, for the individual who will be granted access. Click "Add User" to complete the process.

