English Learner (EL) 101 Part VII:

Assessment of ELs



OVERVIEW

English Language Proficiency Assessments: WIDA



ELs & Statewide Assessments





ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS

Placement Tests

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten WIDA Screener (Grades 1-12)

Administered once.

Used to determine a student's English Learner (EL) status after a Home Language Survey (HLS) with a non-English language indicated upon initial enrollment in Indiana.

Annual Assessments

Kindergarten ACCESS WIDA ACCESS Alternate ACCESS Used to assess the English proficiency of ELs each year. Results are used as criteria for continuing or exiting EL services and driving instruction.

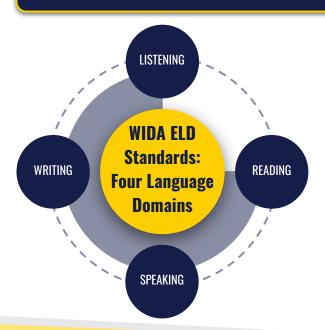
Administered to ELs annually until they meet Indiana exit criteria.





WIDA OVERVIEW

WIDA provides Indiana's English language proficiency placement and annual assessments.



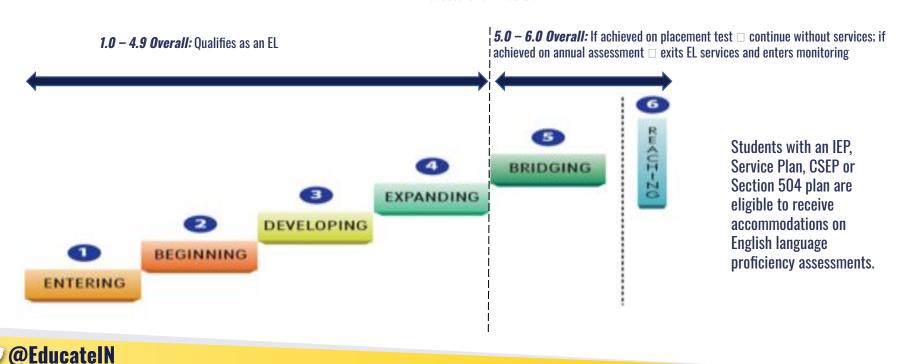
WIDA Screener assessments are used to identify and inform initial programmatic placement of ELs.

WIDA ACCESS summative assessments are administered annually to determine ELs' current levels of English proficiency and to monitor student progress. It is federally required that 100% of EL students participate.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS

5.0 Overall: Indiana's cut score for FL status



PLACEMENT TESTS

Kindergarten

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten

- One-on-one; paper-based only (Materials accessed via the WIDA Secure Portal.)
- Scored locally by the test administrator; raw scores entered into Score Calculator to convert to composite scores.
- First semester kindergarten students only participate in the Listening and Speaking domains.

Grades 1-12

WIDA Screener

- Primarily online; paper testing available in certain circumstances.
- Speaking and Writing domains scored locally by test administrator.
- During the first semester, students at the beginning of a grade level cluster should participate in the previous grade level cluster test form.

Placement tests consist of four domains: listening, reading, speaking, and writing.

Test administrators must complete the appropriate WIDA assessment training courses prior to administering and scoring Screener assessments.



PLACEMENT TESTS

Table 4: Appropriate Grade-level Cluster Form Based on Grade Level and Semester of the Student

Grade	Y	1	M	2		3	M	4		5	M	6		7		8	M	9	.1	0	1	1	-1	2
Semester	1	2	1	2	1	2	Q	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
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Per federal requirements, placement tests must be administered within 30 calendar days of enrollment if it occurs at the beginning of the year and within two weeks if enrollment occurs after the beginning of the year.

WIDA OVERVIEW



The primary testing mode is online.

IDENTIFICATION	Entrance Criteria: A potential EL student who scores below 5.0 on WIDA Screener is formally identified as an EL.	
PLACEMENT	WIDA Screener results determine a student's placement in the EL program and inform instructional services.	
PROGRESS	WIDA ACCESS results are used to support decisions about instructional planning and show the progress of ELs annually.	
ACHIEVEMENT	Exit Criteria: An EL who scores 5.0 to 6.0 on WIDA ACCESS is reclassified as fluent and enters two-year monitoring period.	

WIDA Assessments Overview

Placement Assessments:

- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten
- WIDA Screener Online
- WIDA Screener Paper

Annual Assessments:

- Kindergarten ACCESS
- WIDA ACCESS Online
- WIDA ACCESS Paper
- Alternate ACCESS



WIDA ACCESS FORMAT





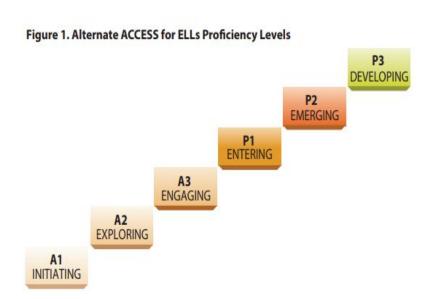
	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Kindergarten	Paper	Paper	Paper	Paper
Grade 1 & 2-3	Online	Online	Online	Paper
Grades 4-12	Online	Online	Online	Online*



^{*}Handwriting (HW) is available as an accommodation.

ALTERNATE ACCESS

- Intended for ELs with severe cognitive disabilities.
- Not currently available for kindergarten students; all kindergarten ELs take the Kindergarten ACCESS.
- As of yet, no exit criteria has been established for Alternate ACCESS participants.
- Assessment is given one-on-one and is paper-based.
- Test administrators must complete the corresponding training course prior to administration and scoring.

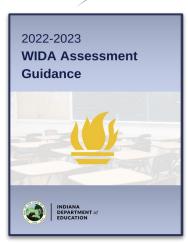






ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS

- Key Resources
 - o <u>IDOE's WIDA Assessment Guidance</u>
 - WIDA's Indiana Consortium Website
- Administered by certified Test Administrators (TAs).
- Must complete the corresponding training courses for each assessment administered; located on the WIDA Secure Portal at <u>portal.wida.us</u>.
- Maintain student documentation in cumulative folders.







ACCESS MANUALS/DOCUMENTS

- Test Administrator Manual (TAM)
- District and School Test Coordinator Manual
- Test Administrator Essentials
- Accessibility and Accommodations Manual



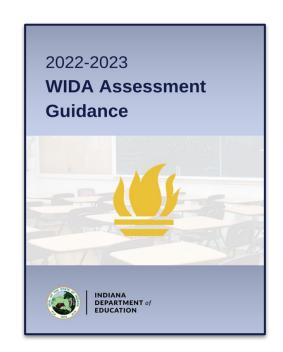


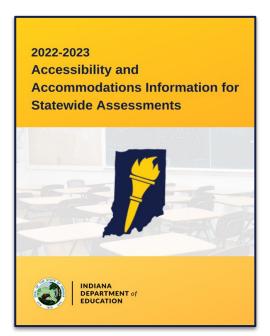
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2022-2023 INDIANA ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE







WIDA's 2022-2023 Accessibility and Accommodations Manual



ELS & STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS

Accommodations available to ELs on statewide assessments:

- Student permitted to read aloud to him or herself
- Text-to-speech (TTS) *except reading comprehension
- Extended time
- Additional breaks (as needed)
- Bilingual Dictionary (utilize only if student is literate in native language)
- Individual testing

Accommodations **must** be documented in students ILP and be familiar to the student.



DESIGNATED FEATURES

Designated Features available to students on state content assessments:

- Stacked Spanish Translation
 - Eligible students who are literate in Spanish may benefit from stacked Spanish translations for Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Biology, and U.S. Government.
- Language Glossaries
 - Eligible students may benefit from a glossary of translated terms for specific assessment items for ILEARN Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.
 - Language glossaries in Spanish, Burmese, Arabic, Mandarin, and Vietnamese are provided.
 - o If selected, the student can only receive the language glossary and not the English glossary as well.



IREAD-3 & THE GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTION

- ELs who do not pass IREAD-3 are eligible to receive a Good Cause Exemption (GCE), which excludes students from IREAD-3 retest requirements.
- Good Cause Exemption determinations are made by an ILP Committee.
 - <u>Process and Considerations for Issuing a GCE document</u>
 - After the Good Cause Exemption: English Learners document





THANK YOU!