

English Learners and Assessment

Assessing English Learner Proficiency

ESSA requires states to identify and annually administer a standards-based English language proficiency test to all ELs in grades K-12. In 2006, Kentucky joined the [WIDA Consortium](#) to meet this requirement. The WIDA Consortium's goal is to provide research-based assessments, standards, and professional development to its member states. [Kentucky's WIDA member page](#) provides state-specific information related to the implementation of standards and instruction, assessment, and professional learning.

Kentucky uses WIDA assessments in screening potential ELs and annually evaluating their proficiency.

Grade level	WIDA Screener Test
Kindergarten	W-APT (WIDA ACCESS Placement Test)
1-12	WIDA Screener Online

The Kentucky Department of Education's Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability (OSAA) developed a [video](#) and [PowerPoint](#) to provide training for the WIDA Screener Online.

WIDA also provides Kentucky with the annual English Proficiency Assessment of [ACCESS for ELLs 2.0](#). For information about ACCESS 2.0, WIDA Screener Online, and the Kindergarten W-APT visit the [OSAA webpage](#).

English Learner Assessment Information and Regulations

Information on the regulations of EL student assessment is featured in the Inclusion of Special Populations Training located on the [OSAA Assessments Regulations Training](#) webpage. This training provides assessment guidance for ELs based on Section 2 of [703 KAR 5:070 Inclusion of Special Populations in the State-Required Assessment and Accountability Programs](#).

Resources

- [Kentucky ACCESS for ELLs Checklist](#) – This state checklist is a guide for personnel involved in administering ACCESS for ELLs Online, and includes unique steps related to Kindergarten and Alternative ACCESS assessments. The checklist highlights all tasks that need to be completed before, during, and after testing within a school or district as well as identifies the individual who typically completes these tasks.
- [Kentucky ACCESS for ELLs State-Specific Directions](#) – This document provides guidance and instructions for administering the ACCESS assessments.