

OELP Monthly Meeting

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Accountability Updates/ Reminders

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Test Records and Inserts

	Create DVR	Details	School Year	
1	View		2026	

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ASSESSMENT ELP *

Test Type ACCESS

Test Date N/A

Create Appeal

+ DVR

Fullcode Conflicts

- Fullcodes are the specific school code assigned to test records.
- Fullcode conflicts occur when the test date for a test record at a site received is outside of that student's enrollment.
- Either the student has no enrollment at the fullcode or was not attending that site at the test date.
- These need to be resolved for NFAY and report card calculations.

OELP Updates/ Reminders

Transcript Evaluation

- Foreign Transcript Guidance

This guidance document provides a methodology and common best practices in the awarding of secondary core content class credit based on out-of-country transcripts.

- Interviews of parents and students **in addition to placement tests** should be used to award credit.
- Inappropriate credit awards may result in students being placed in sequential core content courses without the necessary prerequisite knowledge, compromising academic success and leading to inconsistent practices across districts.
- Please reach out to the **Office of Comprehensive School Counseling** for further guidance.

2026 Annual WIDA Conference

- Registration for the in-person portion of the 2026 WIDA Annual Conference is filling up, so don't wait to reserve your spot! The in-person event will take place September 16-18 in St. Louis, Missouri. A virtual track will also be offered on September 15. Visit the [conference website](#) for registration details.

OELP Professional Development SY26-27

- OSDE is excited to provide a range of professional learning opportunities to support educators working with Oklahoma's English learners.
- 2026-2027 EL Professional Development Opportunities includes WIDA workshops and self-paced offerings available during the 2026–2027 school year.

EL Identification Timeline

- If a potential EL student enrolls within 30 calendar days from the start date of school, the LEA has 30 days from that enrollment date to determine the student's EL status. If a potential EL student enrolls after the first 30 calendar days from the start date of school, the LEA has 14 calendar days from the enrollment date to determine the student's EL status.

Parent Notification Timeline

- Notification should be sent to parents/guardians of identified English learners no later than 30 calendar days after the beginning of the school year, or during the 14 calendar days of the child's placement in a language instruction educational program.
 - Parent Notification Letter ([English/Spanish](#))
 - Parent's Right to Know Letter ([English/Spanish](#))
 - ELAP

ELPA Updates

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2025-2026 WIDA ACCESS Assessment

- A concordance table will be incorporated into DRC's scoring and reporting system mapping updated scale scores to prior proficiency levels (PLs).
- OSDE will report the 2025-2026 new scale scores and old PLs.
- Band exit will continue in the 2025-2026 school year.
- Standard setting will take place in July where WIDA will set new cut scores for proficiency levels.
- More details will be coming soon.

ELP Band Exit

- July 27 – August 21

ELP Band Exit - Auto

- ACCESS Auto ELP Band Exit:
 - 3rd-8th graders scoring 4.3-4.7 Composite/Overall AND Proficient or Above on OSTP ELA.
 - 11th graders scoring 4.3-4.7 Composite/Overall AND at or above the national 35th percentile on the ACT Reading subtest
- Alternate ACCESS Auto ELP Band Exit:
 - 3rd-8th and 11th graders scoring 3.0 Composite/Overall AND Basic or Above on OAAP ELA

ELP Band Exit – Documentation Required

- ACCESS Band Exit:
 - 9th, 10th, and 12th graders scoring 4.3-4.7 Composite/Overall AND at or above the 35th percentile on [Approved Assessments for ELP Band Exit](#).
 - ALL LEAs will be required to upload qualifying score sheets indicating reading percentiles into Student Assessment ELP Band Exit Request DVR in Accountability Reporting.
- Alternate ACCESS Band Exit:
 - 9th, 10th, and 12th graders scoring a 3.0 Composite/Overall ALL LEAs will be required to complete an Alternate [ACCESS ELP Band Exit Recommendation Form](#).
 - The LEA only needs to submit this form into a Student Assessment ELP Band Exit Request DVR if the student has been recommended to Band Exit. Otherwise, the form is to be kept at the local level.

ELP Band Exit

- For students who fall within the Composite/Overall score range for ELP Band Exit and will need documentation submitted into Student Assessment ELP Band Exit Request DVR, you should begin collecting necessary data.
- If necessary to qualify for Band Exit, assessments must be administered to 12th graders prior to the end of the school year.
- Resources: [ELP Band Exit](#)

WIDA Kindergarten Screeners

- The K Screener may be administered to students preceding their initial enrollment in kindergarten, beginning in mid-April.
- Beginning in the 26-27 SY, ALL Fluent K Screeners will be uploaded into K Screener DVRs in Accountability Reporting.
- Housing all Fluent kindergarten EL records within Accountability Reporting ensures consistent data sharing with districts when students transfer.
- See: [Documenting Fluent WIDA Kindergarten Screeners in Accountability Reporting](#)

WIDA Updates

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ELP Assessment Calendar

Office of English Language Proficiency Assessment Calendar

EVENT	DATE(S)
ELP Band Exit Window	7/27/26-8/21/26
WIDA Precode	10/26/26-11/13/26
WIDA AMS Test Setup	12/1/26-3/19/27
Districts Receive Test Materials	1/4/27-1/5/27
Test Window	1/5/27-3/12/27
Additional Test Material Ordering Window	1/4/27-3/5/27
Deadline for Shipping Materials - Postmark Date	3/26/27
Pre-Reporting Data Validation in WIDA AMS	4/9/27-5/6/27
Districts Receive Preliminary Reports in WIDA AMS	5/24/27
Accountability Reporting Data Verification (DVR) Window	TBA
Districts Receive Preliminary Printed Reports	6/7/27-6/8/27
Final Scores Available in Accountability Reporting	TBA
Updated Data Posted in WIDA AMS	7/20/27



Required: New and Returning EL DTCs form

- [2026-2027 New and Returning EL District Coordinators](#)
- Google form for new and returning designated EL coordinators. If you are a new or returning EL coordinator for your district, please fill out the form using the link above.

WIDA Certification Reminders

- WIDA ACCESS Braille is our only assessment with a new training course and updated training recommendations for 2026-27.
- As a reminder, WIDA certification is required every two years unless there have been significant changes made to a training or a new training is added. To complete the trainings, visit the [WIDA Secure Portal Login | WIDA](#), and click on Assessment Training.

EL DTC August Monthly Reminders

- Complete [New and Returning EL District Test Coordinator form](#)
- Have all test administrators complete screening training in the WIDA Secure Portal (every 2 years)
- Verify WIDA Screener certifications
- Screen newly enrolled students
- Reclassify students who scored proficient or who qualified for the ELP Band Exit in the SIS
- Complete and distribute [ELAPs](#) & [Parent Notification Letters](#)
- Submit [ELP Band Exit requests](#)
- Conduct [technology readiness check](#)
- Upload [fluent WIDA Kindergarten Score Reports in Accountability Reporting](#)
- Check Accountability Reporting for [EL Student Flag Conflicts](#) and correct SIS coding

ELP Assessment Domain Exemption and Accommodations Webinar

- This webinar, Supporting English Learners with Disabilities: Shared, Collaborative Decision-Making for ELP Assessments, will occur on **August 12, 2026, from 10:30 AM-11:30 AM**. It will focus on how supporting students who are both English Learners and students with disabilities requires shared expertise and careful assessment decision-making. This webinar explores how English Learner and Special Education teams work together to make informed decisions related to participation in ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS, the use of appropriate accommodations, and consideration of domain access. Participants will strengthen their understanding of collaborative roles and responsibilities in making accurate, student-centered assessment decisions. To register for the webinar, please click [here](#).

Upcoming WIDA PD Offerings (In Person)

- Collaboration Practices and Potentialities
- Date: September 22, 2026
- Format: In-Person, One Day
- Description: What are effective collaborative methods for planning and instructing multilingual learners? Through online activities and face-to-face interactions, educators will investigate collaboration practices that support language development and meaningful and accessible instruction.
- Location: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Oklahoma City
- Registration: Click [here](#) to sign up by September 15, 2026.

Upcoming WIDA PD Offerings (In Person)

- Scaffolding Learning Through Language
- Date: September 23-24, 2026
- Format: In-Person, Two Days
- Description: Take a fresh look at how to engage multilingual learners in rigorous content-area learning with a balance of challenge and support. Consider a dynamic set of classroom practices that support multilingual students as they move toward increasing independence and expertise in grade-level content.
- Location: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Oklahoma City
- Registration: Click [here](#) to sign up by September 16, 2026.

Questions



Questions & Proposed Topics by Districts

LEA Questions and Topics for Discussion

Are there WIDA Screener updates which require recertification before the 2 year cycle?

- WIDA certification is required every two years unless there have been significant changes made to a training or a new training is added
- The only recertification required is for the Braille ACCESS.

OELP Monthly Meeting

- These meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of the month (excluding summer months) from 12-1 pm.
- During the meetings, the OELP will provide important updates on legal obligations, the WIDA assessment, the ELPA Indicator, and best practices for supporting English Learners and their educators.
- We also encourage EL Coordinators to submit any questions or topics they would like to discuss by completing this [form](#).
- We're excited for this opportunity to build a supportive community. To register for the OELP Monthly Meetings, please click [here](#).
- Our next meeting is on **September 2, 2026**.

Thank you for supporting Oklahoma's English Learners!

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