

OELP Monthly Meeting

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OELP Updates

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Reclassifying Students

- Please check your **2025 English Learner** tab in Accountability Reporting and view the **EL Proficiency Status** column.
- Proficient-Auto Exited or Proficient-Band Exited
- These students should then be moved from the EL Program with an exit date in the SIS to the Bilingual Program and determinations should be made as to whether they qualify for bilingual funding.

WIDA Alternate Screener

- Gov Delivery 8/12/25

****NEW** WIDA Alternate Screener**

The WIDA Alternate Screener was released July 1, 2025.

WIDA Alternate Screener is an assessment designed to provide an initial measure of English language proficiency for students identified with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Typically, it is appropriate for potential English learners (EL) whose IEP team has determined they meet the criteria to participate in the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP), aligned with the alternate academic achievement standards, and whose parent has provided the required consent in accordance with 70 O.S. §13-114.6. For more information regarding eligibility criteria, training, and entry and exit criteria, please see the [WIDA Alternate Screener FAQ](#).

WIDA Precode

- 11/4/25-11/19/25
- I worked with Special Education to get WIDA accommodations updated in EdPlan to be aligned with the current WIDA Accessibility and Accommodations Manual.
- SPED Directors/Coordinators will receive a Gov Delivery email about WIDA Precode deadlines and expectations relevant to EdPlan accommodations.
- I am also working with Accountability to ensure WIDA accommodations are pulled for the WIDA Precode file for all K-12 dually identified ELs.

EL Educator Spotlight

- Christina Marquez has built the EL program from Moore West Jr. High from scratch.
- Moore West Jr. High was the site with the highest ELPA Indicator score in 2023-2024.
- Christina graciously shared specifics about Moore West Jr. High's EL program at Inspire 2025.
- As their EL population has grown to over 20% of the students, Ms. Marquez has implemented supportive curriculum, adjusted her schedule to provide a lunch time "safe place" and tutoring, and built a community within the school.
- Her program is a proud and valuable part of the student body, and everyone at West Jr. High appreciates Ms. Marquez and her work including her former principal who nominated her.

EL Educator Spotlight

- OELP staff recognizes that we have educators doing amazing things to support our EL students throughout the state.
- We want to provide an opportunity to showcase these great strategies, resources, and success stories.
- If you would like to nominate yourself or another educator in your district to be spotlighted, please complete this [form](#).

WIDA Updates

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Required: New and Returning EL District Test Coordinator Form

- The OELP is requiring that new and returning EL District Test Coordinators complete the following [form](#).

WIDA Virtual Workshop Opportunity: Scaffolding Learning through Language

- This virtual workshop is designed for all educators of multilingual learners and is a two-part webinar series (**September 17, 2025 10 am-11:30 am & September 24, 2025 10 am-11:30 am**).
- The workshop provides educators with a fresh look at how to engage multilingual learners in rigorous content-area learning with a balance of challenge and support. The purpose of the workshop is to encourage educators to consider a dynamic set of classroom practices that support multilingual learners as they move toward increasing independence and expertise in grade-level content. Participants will explore how rigorous, well-sequenced curriculum within the content of meaningful experiences contributes to rich classroom interactions that mediate learning.

WIDA Virtual Workshop Opportunity: Scaffolding Learning through Language

Participants will

- Identify scaffolding practices based on prior knowledge, new learning, and shared experience
- Explore micro- and macro-scaffolding practices that apprentice students into language use for content- area learning by
 - preparing for classroom learning that builds on and values students' assets for classroom learning
 - exploring ways to establish a collaborative community of learners
 - examining ways to engage students in language use for content learning
- Develop an action plan for Scaffolding UP in their own context
- To learn more about the workshop, please see this [flyer](#). There is a limit of 60 participants, so sign up by **September 9, 2025**, by clicking [here](#).

September WIDA Assessment Webinars

- Welcome Back: What's New in 2025-2026? Tuesday, September 2 at 1:00-2:00 p.m. CT
- WIDA ACCESS for New Test Administrators Tuesday, September 9 at 1:00-2:00 p.m. CT
- WIDA ACCESS for New District Coordinators Thursday, September 11 at 1:00-2:00 p.m. CT
- These can be found in WIDA Secure Portal

2025-2026 WIDA ACCESS Changes

Revision for 2025-26	Checklist Language
Assessment Name Update	ACCESS for ELLs is now WIDA ACCESS. Changes made throughout both checklists.
ACCESS Braille Speaking Domain Now Available (ACCESS Online and Paper)	New for 2025-2026: ACCESS Braille now includes a Speaking domain.
New Kindergarten ACCESS Accommodation for Students with Low Vision (ACCESS Online and Paper)	New for 2025-2026: WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten now offers a new accommodation (LV) for students with low vision. For more information, refer to the WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten: Administration and Scoring training course.
Redesigned ACCESS for Kindergarten Assessment (ACCESS Online and Paper)	New for 2025-2026: WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten had been redesigned to incorporate the WIDA ELD Standards Framework, 2020 Edition. An updated WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten training course will launch on September 29, 2025. Recertification is required for all test administrators.
ACCESS Online TA Script is Available as Translated ASL Videos (ACCESS Online)	New for 2025-2026: The ACCESS Online Test Administrator Script is available as translated ASL videos, <u>in addition to 16 other languages.</u>
New WIDA Speaking Scoring Rubrics (ACCESS Paper)	New for 2025-2026: Test administrators will use the new WIDA Speaking Scoring Rubric Grades 1-12 to score Speaking responses. Test administrators will complete Speaking scoring training for WIDA ACCESS Paper and ACCESS Braille separately.
New ACCESS Paper Streaming Audio Option (ACCESS Paper)	New for 2025-2026: WIDA AMS now offers an option to stream ACCESS Paper audio. Refer to WIDA AMS Online Help for more information.

Screeners Training

WIDA Certification Required

- 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. The following WIDA trainings have either undergone significant changes or are new, so recertification or certification are required. To complete the trainings, visit the [WIDA Secure Portal](#), and click on Assessment Training.
- Alternate Screener
- Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring WIDA Screener and ACCESS Braille
- Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener and ACCESS Braille
- Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring ACCESS Paper
- Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring ACCESS Paper

Pre K Screening Tool (PKST)

- No training is required.
- Located on our website; [Oklahoma Pre-K Screening Tool \(PKST\)](#)

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS

- A student receiving 7 or more “YES” responses out of the 10 items above is considered proficient in English.
- A student receiving 4 or more “NO” responses out of the 10 items above is considered an English Learner and should be served accordingly. Additionally, if the assessment was discontinued after the first three items due to the student’s inability to respond, the student is considered an English Learner and should be served accordingly.
- Any student administered this assessment must be administered the WIDA Kindergarten Screener at the onset of their kindergarten year, regardless of PKST score achieved.

Trainings Required to Administer WIDA Screener for Kindergarten

- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten: Administration and Scoring

Trainings Required to Administer WIDA Screener Paper

- WIDA Screener Paper: Administration
- Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring WIDA Screener and WIDA ACCESS Braille
- Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener and WIDA ACCESS Braille
- Writing for Grades 1-5: Scoring WIDA Screener
- Writing for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener

Trainings Required to Administer WIDA Screener Online

- WIDA Screener Online: Administration
- Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring WIDA Screener and WIDA ACCESS Braille
- Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener and WIDA ACCESS Braille
- Writing for Grades 1-5: Scoring WIDA Screener
- Writing for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener

Trainings Required to Administer WIDA Alternate Screener

- WIDA Alternate Screener Online: Administration and Scoring

Questions & Proposed Topics by Districts

LEA Questions and Topics for Discussion

- **Will you record meetings?**
- Yes, please see our OELP main web page:
<https://oklahoma.gov/education/services/english-language-proficiency.html>

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 **October 1, 2025**.

Thank you for supporting Oklahoma's English Learners!

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