

English Learner Entrance Procedures

SECOND SEMESTER GRADE 1 - GRADE 12



Administer the 2024 Home Language Survey (HLS) in a language parents understand.



If 2024 HLS indicates the student is a potential English learner (EL), then administer the correct grade level *WIDA Screener*. (See State Guidance details on using the 2024 HLS to identify potential ELs and determining correct grade level screeners.)



If the responses to the three HLS questions are only "English" or "American Sign Language", then stop! Do not administer the *WIDA Screener*.

Note: Use this flowchart with students new to U.S. schools, but not with transfer students. See EL identification procedures for in- and out-of-state transfer students in State Guidance.



If the student's Overall Composite Proficiency Level is < 5.0 , then the student is an English learner and is reported EL = 'Yes'.



If the student's Overall Composite Proficiency level is ≥ 5.0 , then the student is not an English learner and is reported EL = 'No'.

See ESOL Language Program Resource Guide for details.