

EL Identification Process

ELPA Webinar Series 2023-2024 August 22, 2023



Agenda



- Review WIDA Screener Training and Certification Requirements
- Explain the EL Identification Process Steps
- Open Discussion

EL Identification & EL Support Services Purpose

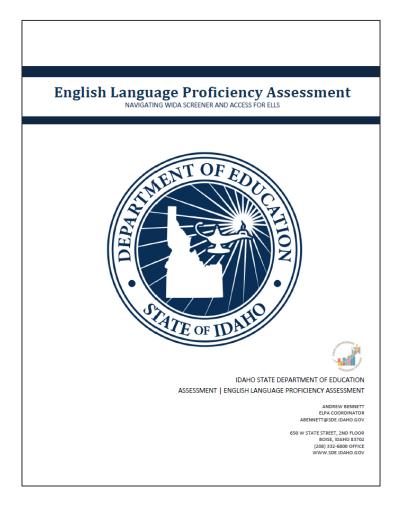




ELPA: Navigating WIDA Screener and ACCESS for ELLS Guidance Document



Quick Start Guide for District Test Coordinators & School Test Coordinators





WIDA Screener Training & Certification Requirements

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten

WIDA Screener Online

WIDA Screener Paper*



WIDA Suite of Assessments Training & Certification Requirements



 Yearly training and certification is required to administer all WIDA English language proficiency (ELP) screeners

Requirement is completed in the WIDA Secure Portal

- Annual training and certification is specific to the ELP screener Test
 Administrators intend to proctor
- Certification quizzes must be completed with a score of 80% or higher to attain certification
- A record of a TAs certification should be printed and kept on site by the School Coordinator and Test Administrator

Training & Certification Requirements WIDA Screener / WIDA Screener for Kindergarten



| WIDA Screener | Training Course Name | Certification Quiz Name |
|---|--|--|
| WIDA Screener for Kindergarten | WIDA Screener for Kindergarten: Administration and Scoring | WIDA Screener for Kindergarten: Oral Language Certification Quiz WIDA Screener for Kindergarten: Literacy Certification Quiz |
| WIDA Screener Online WIDA Screener Paper* | WIDA Screener Online: Administration WIDA Screener Paper: Administration* Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener Writing for Grades 1-5: Scoring WIDA Screener Writing for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener | WIDA Screener Online: Administration Certification Quiz WIDA Screener Paper: Administration Certification Quiz* Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener Certification Quiz Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener Certification Quiz Writing for Grades 1-5: Scoring WIDA Screener Certification Quiz Writing for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener Certification Quiz |

Training & Certification Requirements WIDA Secure Portal



WIDA Secure Portal



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Resources to help you make the most of your WIDA experience



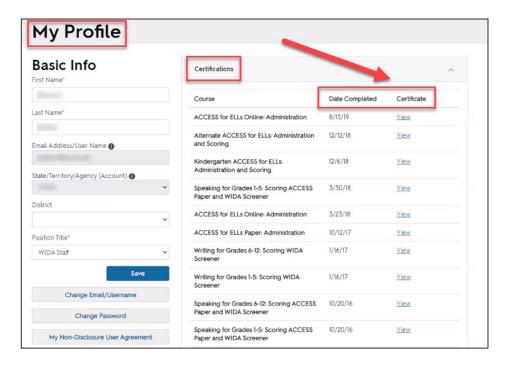


Training & Certification Requirements WIDA Secure Portal – Certificate of Completion



 District Test Coordinator should retain a physical copy of each TA certification on-site









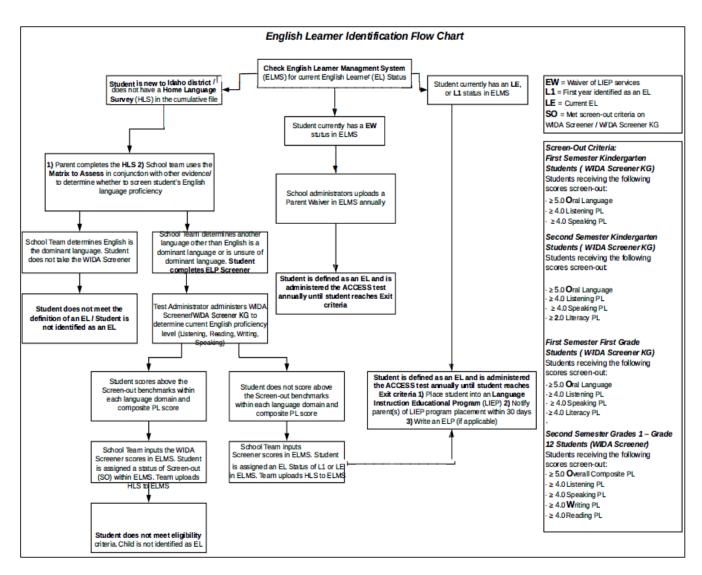
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and EEOA Legal Obligations



- Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the EEOA, all States and LEAs must ensure that ELs can participate meaningfully and equally in educational programs and services.
 - Identify and assess all potential EL students in a timely, valid, and reliable manner;
 - Provide EL students with a language assistance program that is educationally sound and proven successful, consistent with Castañeda v. Pickard and the Supreme Court decision in Lau v. Nichols;
 - Provide sufficiently well prepared and trained staff and support the language assistance programs for EL students;
 - Ensure that EL students have equal opportunities to meaningfully participate in all curricular and extracurricular activities;
 - Avoid unnecessary segregation of EL students;
 - Ensure that EL students who have or are suspected of having a disability under IDEA are identified, located, and evaluated in a timely manner and that the language needs of students who need special education and disability related services are considered in evaluations and delivery of services;
 - Meet the needs of EL students who opt out of language assistance programs;
 - Monitor and evaluate EL students in language assistance programs to ensure their progress with respect to acquiring English proficiency and grade level
 content knowledge, exit EL students from language assistance programs when they are proficient in English, and monitor exited students to ensure they
 were not prematurely exited and that any academic deficits incurred in the language assistance program have been remedied;
 - Evaluate the effectiveness of a school district's language assistance program(s) to ensure that EL students in each program acquire English proficiency and that each program is reasonably calculated11 to allow EL students to attain parity of participation in the standard instructional program within a reasonable period of time; and
 - Ensure meaningful communication with limited English proficient (LEP) parents.
- ESEA section 3113(b)(2)
 - Part A State formula grant must establish and implement standardized statewide entrance and exit procedures for ELs
 - All students who may be ELs be assessed for such status within 30 days of enrollment in a school in the State

The EL Identification Process Flow Chart





- 1. Review child's enrollment information / Review Home Language Survey parent responses
- 2. Review English Learner Management System
- 3. Determine whether to Administer an English language proficiency (ELP) screener
 - Decision to Assess Matrix
 - Collection of more information
- 4. Administer ELP screener
- Score and document ELP screener results
- Record ELP screener results results
- 7. Communicate outcomes with parents
- 8. Provide LIEP services consistent with the Castañeda v. Pickard ruling

The EL Identification Process Home Language Survey – Step 1



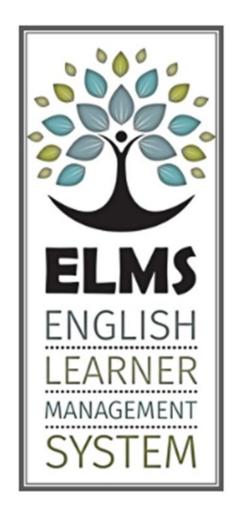
- The home language survey (HLS) is a questionnaire given to parents or guardians that helps schools and LEAs identify which students are potential ELs and who will require assessment of their English language proficiency (ELP) to determine whether they are eligible for language assistance services.
 - 1. What language(s) are spoken in the home?
 - 2. What language(s) does your student speak most often?
 - 3. What language(s) did your student first learn?
 - 4. Which language does your child use when speaking to/with you?
 - 5. What language do you use when speaking to/with your child?
 - 6. Which language do you want phone calls and letters?
 - 7. What is your relationship to the child?
 - 8. Is there any additional information you would like the school to know about your child?
- The first HLS completed in the State holds precedence over all others
 - Review a child's cumulative file and enrollment paperwork

The EL Identification Process English Learner Management System – Step 2



- Review the <u>Idaho English Learner Management System</u> to determine whether the child has already has an EL status
 - Current EL Student: L1, LE, EW
 - Exited EL: X1, X2, X3, X4, FL
 - Erroneously Identified as EL: N
 - Screened-Out: SO
- Students who already have an EL Status may immediately be placed into EL services





The EL Identification Process Determine Whether to Administer an ELP Screener – Step 3



Review/Interpret parent HLS responses

- Use the **Decision to Assess Matrix** to determine whether to administer an English language proficiency (ELP) screener
- If there is a question whether to administer a ELP screener, err on the side of caution and have the child complete the appropriate ELP screener form
- Clarify parent responses by contacting the parent directly
- Make a determination to administer an ELP screener
 - Best practice is to document steps taken to arrive at a determination

| Question | | | | | Answer | | | | |
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| 1. What language(s) are spoken in the home? | Other than English | English | English | English | English | Other than English | Other than English | Other than English | Other than English |
| What language(s) does your student speak most often? (Always triggers a test if answered as a language other than English) | English | Other than English | English | English | English | English | Other than English | Other than English | Other than English |
| 3. What language(s) did your student first learn? | English | English | Other than English | English | English | Other than English | Other than English | Other than English | Other than English |
| Which language does your student speak with you? (Always triggers a test if answered as a language other than English) | English | English | English | Other than English | English | English | English | Other than English | Other than |
| 5. Which language do you use when speaking with your student? | English | English | English | English | Other than English | English | English | English | Other than English |
| Action: | Call: What is the exposure to other language(s) in the home? | Test | Call | Test | Call | Test | Test | Test | Test |

The EL Identification Process **Decision to Assess Matrix**



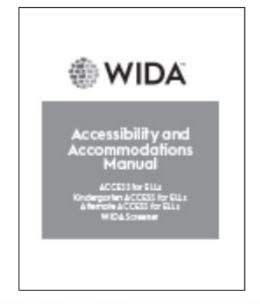
• The **Decision to Assess Matrix** is a tool to assist in the interpretation of parent HLS responses

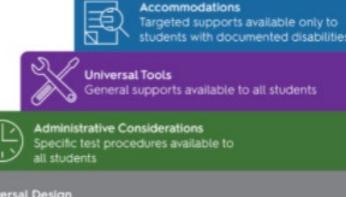
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The EL Identification Process Assessment Accessibility & Accommodations



- Universal Tools
 - Available to all students
- Administrative Considerations
 - Team decision available to all students
- Accommodations
 - Students with IEP or 504 plans
 - Changes to presentation, student response, timing of the test, or test environment
- Accessibility and Accommodations Manual
 - WIDA Secure Portal





Seneral principles applied in all test development

The EL Identification Process ELP Screener Test Materials



 Necessary WIDA Screener physical materials may be downloaded under the Resource tab in the WIDA Secure Portal

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten

- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Cards
- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Response Booklet
- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Score Sheets
- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Storybook
- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Test Administrator Script
- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Test Administrator Manual

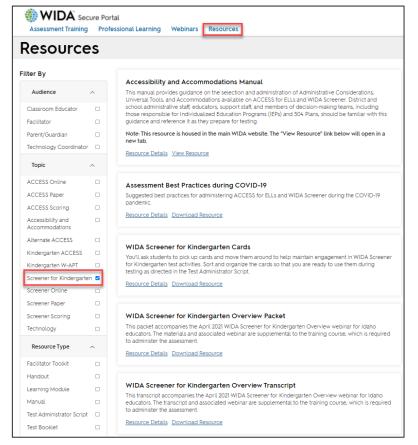
WIDA Screener Online

- Grades 1-3 complete Writing section on Paper
 - WIDA Screener Online Grades 1 & 2-3 Writing Test Administration Script
 - WIDA Screener Online Writing Test Booklet Grade 1, 2-3 Tier A/ Tier B/C
- WIDA Screener Online Grades 1-12 Test Administrator's Script

Supplemental materials to have on-hand

- Accessibility & Accommodation Manual
- WIDA Writing Rubric
- WIDA Speaking Rubric





The EL Identification Process WIDA Screener Setup



- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten
 - Paper-based test materials are downloaded from WIDA Secure Portal
- WIDA Screener Online
 - Session setup in WIDA AMS is required prior to administration
 - See WIDA AMS User Guide for details on how-to instructions





2023–2024
WIDA Assessment
Management System
(WIDA AMS)

User Guide

Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) 13490 Bass Lake Road Maple Grove, MN 55311

Direct: 1-855-787-9615 Website: https://www.wida-ams.us Revision Date: June 30, 2023

The EL Identification Process WIDA Screener Grade-Level Test Form



- Students in the first semester of the first year in a grade-level cluster (K, 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12), are administered the lower grade cluster screener form
- Grade-Level Cluster Test Form Grades 1 -12

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 Example: A potential EL student entering grade 4 during the first semester would complete WIDA Screener Online Grade 2-3 test screener form

The EL Identification Process WIDA Screener Administration – Step 4



- Administer English language proficiency screener
 - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten (KG first semester grade 1)
 - First semester KG potential ELs complete Listening and Speaking domains only
 - Second semester KG and grade one first semester potential ELs complete all domains
 - WIDA Screener Online (second semester grades 1-12)
 - Second semester grade two potential ELs complete all domains
 - WIDA Screener Paper (second semester grades 1 12)*
 - Second semester grade two potential ELs first complete an entry task. The entry task determines whether a potential EL will complete only listening and speaking or all domains.
 - *WIDA Screener Paper may be used as an administrative consideration and should be an option for students who have limited exposure to computer use

The EL Identification Process ELP Screener Scoring - Step 5



Score WIDA Screener for Kindergarten / WIDA Screener

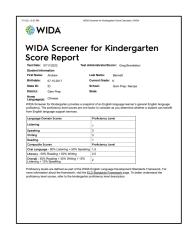
- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten
 - Hand scored by Test Administrator
 - Raw Score input into WIDA Screener for KG Score Calculator: https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/screener/kindergarten/calculator

WIDA Screener Online

- Listening and Reading domains scored by DRC INSIGHT (WIDA AMS)
- Speaking and Writing scored by Test Administrator in WIDA AMS
 - WIDA AMS User Guide pp. 84-100
- Score Report downloaded from WIDA AMS
 - WIDA AMS User Guide p. 114-118

WIDA Screener Paper

- Hand scored by Test Administrator
 - Refer to WIDA Screener Paper TAM Appendix C



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The EL Identification Process Idaho ELP Screener: Screen-Out Criteria



- Idaho ELP Screener: Screen-Out Criteria
 - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten (KG first semester grade 1)

| First Semester Kindergarten | Second Semester Kindergarten | First Semester Grade 1 |
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| ≥ 5.0 Oral Language Proficiency Level ≥ 4.0 Listening Proficiency Level ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level | ≥ 5.0 Oral Language Proficiency Level ≥ 4.0 Listening Proficiency Level ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level ≥ 2.0 Literacy Score | ≥ 5.0 Oral Language Proficiency Level ≥ 4.0 Listening Proficiency Level ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level ≥ 4.0 Literacy Score |

• WIDA Screener Online & Paper (second semester grade 1 − 12)

| | Second Semester Grade 1 – 12 |
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| | WIDA Screener Online & Paper |
| • | ≥ 5.0 Overall Language Proficiency Level |
| • | ≥ 4.0 Listening Proficiency Level |
| • | ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level |
| • | ≥ 4.0 Reading Proficiency Level |
| • | ≥ 4.0 Writing Proficiency Level |

 ELMS automatically assigns a child an EL Status based on the ELP scores entered

The EL Identification Process ELP Screener Scoring – Inter-Rater Reliability



- To increase ELP screener inter-rater reliability, it is recommended that a fewer number of district personnel be responsible for assigning scores to ELP screener responses
- LEA personnel administering WIDA Screener for Kindergarten are encouraged to practice with other certified TAs prior to administering the screener



The EL Identification Process Test Incident Reporting – Test Incident Log



- Test incidents (interruptions, improprieties, irregularities, or test security violations) must be logged within the SDE's Test Incident Log
 - Reference the <u>Assessment Integrity Guide</u> for definitions of different test incidents and the process to address each

• The Test Incident Log may be accessed via the ELPA webpage or by

logging into the ISEE web application



The EL Identification Process Record ELP Screener Results – Step 6

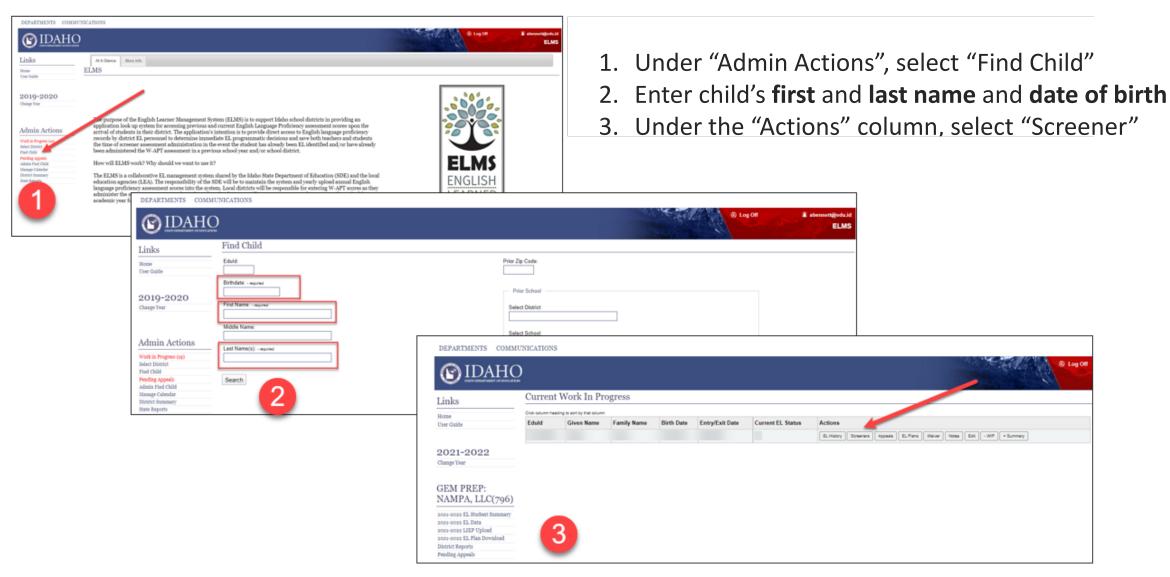


- Enter ELP screener results into ELMS
 - HLS is required to be uploaded into ELMS at the time the screener scores are entered
 - Ensure the child has an EL status assigned within ELMS
- Place a copy of the child's ELP screener results within the cumulative file



The EL Identification Process Record ELP Screener Results in ELMS



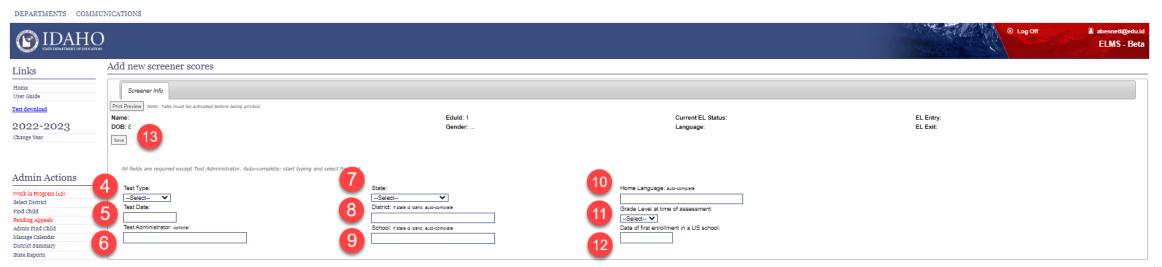


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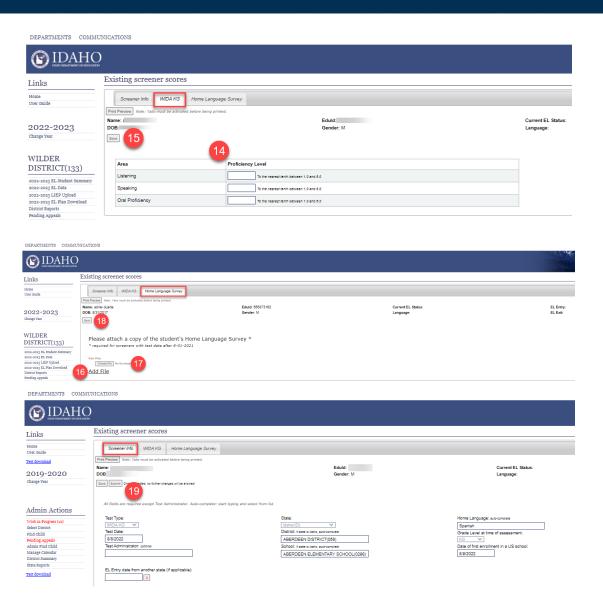
- Select "Test Type" dropdown and select the WIDA Screener administered
 - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten = WIDA KG
 - WIDA Screener Online = WIDA Online
 - WIDA Screener Paper = WIDA Paper
- Input screener "Test Date"
- 6. Input screener "Test Administrator" name
- 7. Input "State" ELP screener was administered in (default Idaho)
- 8. Input "District" name
- 9. Input "School" name
- 10. Input "Home Language" of the child

- 11. Input "Grade Level at time of assessment" field
- 12. Input "Date of first enrollment in a US school" field
- 13. Select "Save"



The EL Identification Process Record ELP Screener Results in ELMS





- 14. Enter child's WIDA Screener scores under the appropriate Proficiency Level field
- 15. After entering ELP screener scores, select "Save"
- 16. Upload child's HLS select "Add File"
- 17. "Choose File" to upload to ELMS
- 18. Select "Save"
- 19. Select "Submit" under the "Screener Info" tab
 - ELMS automatically calculates whether a child qualifies for EL services
 - SO = Screen out of Services
 - L1 = First Year Identified

The EL Identification Process Parent Notification of Services – Step 7



ESEA Section 1112(e)(3)

- Reason for EL identification
- Child's current level of English language proficiency (ELP screener results)
- Overview of district Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP)
- How the LIEP will support the child's language needs
- LIEP Exit requirements
- Information on how to withdrawal from languages
 - Children must complete summative ELPA annually

ESEA Section 1112(e)(4)

Must be in a language understandable to parents



The EL Identification Process Child Placement into District LIEP – Step 8



- Child placement into LIEP services
 - District provides the newly identified EL students with a language assistance program consistent with Title VI of the Civil Right Act, the Equal Education Opportunities Act and are consistent with the ruling and outcomes of *Castañeda v. Pickard*
 - Language instruction educational program criteria
 - educationally sound
 - Based on educational theory
 - proven successful
 - LIEP must effective in overcoming the language needs of a child
 - implemented with fidelity
 - Effectively implemented with adequate resources and personnel



Open Discussion



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Unmute yourself or write your questions/comments within the chat





Next ELPA Monthly Meeting



Welcome Back: 2023-2024 ELPA Test Cycle Overview & Updates

August 23, 2023 – 12:00PM – 1:00PM MT

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Welcome Back: 2023-2024 ELPA Test Cycle Overview & Updates

Thu Aug 24th 12:00pm - 1:00pm (MDT)

The webinar gives an overview of the ELPA testing cycle for the 2023-2024 ACCESS for ELLs administration. The webinar presents an updates and practical resources practitioners can utilize throughout t ...

Thank you!



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