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2020 ACCESS Participation Rate Appeals



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The ACCESS assessment participation rate is calculated as follows:

Number of English Learners, including students whose parents have waived EL services, who received a valid composite score or successfully appealed partial score on ACCESS or Alt ACCESS



Number of English Learners, including students whose parents have waived EL services, who received a valid composite score or successfully appealed partial score on ACCESS or Alt ACCESS

AND

Number of English Learners, including students whose parents have waived EL services, identified by February 28, 2020, who were enrolled on or before February 28, 2020 through March 6, 2020 and did not participate in ACCESS or Alt ACCESS

Summary of English Learner Assessment Appeals

Questions	Quick Reference	
WHERE	Go to the <u>EL Assessment Participation Appeals application</u> . Contact your district's technology coordinator to gain the ACCESS Appeals role in the Admin Tool.	
WHEN	05/27/20-06/09/20	
WHY	To remove non-participants from the denominator To add participants to the numerator	
WHAT	Submit appeals or resubmit returned appeals with supporting documentation	
HOW	Districts and schools are expected to take the following actions during the window: <u>Understand ACCESS Appeal Scenarios</u> <u>Understand Participation Rate Calculation</u> <u>Submit Appeals</u> Districts and schools are expected to monitor their own appeals and contact the SDE with any questions or concerns.	

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INTRODUCTION

The ACCESS Assessment Participation Appeals application begins accepting appeals on May 27, 2020 to provide districts an opportunity to adjust their ACCESS participation rate for English Learners.

In the application, districts can appeal students in and out of the ACCESS participation rate calculation. Please note that submitting an appeal will not automatically add or remove the student in ELMS. Users will need to update the information in ELMS using the procedures outlined in the ELMS Manual.

The appeals application closes at 5:00pm Mountain Time on June 09, 2020. The SDE will NOT accept appeals submitted after this time. If any submitted appeal involves changes to ISEE or ELMS that a district has not submitted prior to the end of the appeals window, the SDE will contact the district to facilitate the necessary updates.

Districts are expected to take the following actions during the appeals window:

<u>Understand ACCESS Appeal Scenarios</u>

<u>Understand Participation Rate Calculation</u>

<u>Submit Appeals</u>

Understand ACCESS Appeal Scenarios

This section outlines the scenarios in which districts may submit an appeal to the SDE to add or remove students from the participation rate calculation via the ACCESS Assessment Participation Appeals application. Scenarios one through three are for students identified as an English Learner in ELMS. Scenarios four and five are for students NOT identified as an English Learner in ELMS. The All of the scenarios in the table below - except Scenario 1 - will appear in the appeals application.

Scenario	Task Name	Default Participation	In Appeals
		Status	Application
1	English Learner with complete ACCESS test	Participant	No
2	English Learner with partial ACCESS test	Non-Participant	Yes
3	English Learner with no ACCESS test	Non-Participant	Yes
4	Non-English Learner with complete ACCESS test	Not in calculation	Yes
5	Non-English Learner with partial ACCESS test	Not in calculation	Yes

Students identified as an English Learner in ELMS...

Scenario 1: With a complete ACCESS test

- Count as a participant by default
- Will not appear in the appeals application

Scenario 2: With a partial ACCESS test

- Count as a non-participant by default
- Districts may submit an appeal to include the student as a participant if:
 - The student received a score in all of the domains other than those excluded according to the student's IEP;
 - A documented medical emergency prevented the student from completing the assessment;
 - Extenuating circumstances (e.g. death in the family, house fire, etc.)
 prevented the student from completing the assessment; or
 - Other data error (e.g. missing district exitdate in ISEE)
- Districts may submit an appeal to exclude the student from the participation rate if:
 - The student was erroneously identified as an English Learner in ELMS during the ACCESS testing window.

Scenario 3: Without an ACCESS test

- Count as a non-participant by default
- Districts may submit an appeal to include the student as a participant) if:
 - The student tested under another state student ID (EDUID)
- Districts may submit an appeal to exclude the student from the participation rate if the student does not have any Idaho ACCESS score results because the student:
 - Completed testing but ACCESS test materials were returned late, delaying score reporting;
 - Had a valid ACCESS result in SY 2019-2020 from another WIDA state;
 - Experienced a documented medical emergency;
 - Had extenuating circumstances (e.g. death in the family, house fire, etc.);
 - The student was erroneously identified as an English Learner in ELMS during the ACCESS testing window; or
 - Other data error (e.g. missing district exit date in ISEE)

Students not identified as English Learners in ELMS...

Scenario 4: With a complete ACCESS test

- Are excluded from the participation rate calculation by default
- If the student should have been identified as an EL in ELMS and should be included in test participation and performance results, submit an appeal to include the student. Please provide an explanation for the requested data update.

Scenario 5: With a partial ACCESS test

- Are excluded from the participation rate calculation by default
- If the student should have been identified as an EL in ELMS and should be included
 in test participation and performance results, submit an appeal to include the
 student. Please provide documentation or explanation for the request, and include
 explanation for partial test completion. See <u>Appendix I</u> for a list of acceptable
 documentation.

Note: An English Learner not listed as a student with a disability in ISEE who took the Alternate ACCESS assessment is also considered a non-participant by default because this is not considered a valid test. The SDE will address these scenarios outside of the ACCESS Appeals application. If your district has students in this scenario, the SDE will contact you. An English Learner with a partial ACCESS test and a district exit date in ISEE prior to the end of the testing window is considered a participant by default and will not appear in the ACCESS Appeals application.

UNDERSTAND PARTICIPATION RATE CALCULATION

Denominator (All English Learners Enrolled)

Students who either participated in ACCESS testing or were identified as English Learners in ELMS and enrolled on or before February 28, 2020 through March 6, 2020 according to the district's ISEE submission, are included in the denominator.

English Learners

English Learners (EL) are students who are identified to be eligible for a Language Instruction Educational Program (LEIP) on or prior to February 28, 2020. English Learners include students whose parents have waived EL services. Former EL students who have exited the program are excluded from the participation rate calculation.

School Assignment

The enrollment entry and exit date reported by districts in ISEE are used to assign a student to a specific school.

If a student took an ACCESS test at a school where the student was not enrolled, the result is assigned to the school where the student was actually enrolled on the testing date, based on the data submitted by the district in ISEE.

If a student was enrolled in a grade that the school does not actually offer based on the <u>Public School Building Form</u> submitted to the Public School Finance Department, the student is excluded from the ACCESS participation, proficiency, and growth calculations. If you have any questions regarding the form, contact Carol Piranfar, Financial Specialist, at cpiranfar@sde.idaho.gov or 208-332-6844.

School Assignment for Dual Enrolled Students (Public)

If a student is dually enrolled within or across districts on the testing date and participated in the ACCESS test, the results are assigned to the school at which the student took the assessment.

If a student is identified as an English Learner and dually enrolled within or across districts on or before February 28, 2020 through March 6, 2020 and did not participate in a required ACCESS test, the student is assigned to the home/base school. For the participation rate calculation purposes, home/base school is determined on the student's earliest entry date for the enrollment records that were active as of February 28, 2020.

Exclusions

Once ACCESS results are assigned to the most appropriate school, the following exclusion rules are applied:

- Dually Enrolled Students(Private/Homeschooled)
 - Any ACCESS test results matched to the enrollment records reported via ISEE with the phSchool field flagged are excluded from the participation rate calculations
 - o These records are also excluded from proficiency rate calculations
- Foreign Exchange Students
 - Any ACCESS results matched to the enrollment records reported via ISEE with the Entry Reason field of Entering Foreign Exchange Student are excluded from the participation rate calculations
 - These records are also excluded from proficiency rate calculations

Numerator (All English Learners "Participated")

The numerator is based on the enrollment records submitted by district in ISEE, as well as the test results received from our testing vendor.

Participant

Participants are English Learners who received a valid overall ACCESS score and English Learners with partial ACCESS assessment records with a justification for the incomplete domain(s) approved during the appeals window. If a student took the assessment multiple times, the first score received is considered valid.

Non-Participant

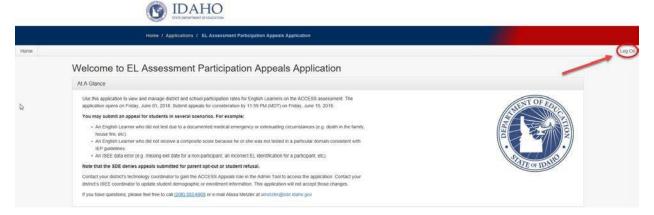
If an English Learner did not participate in ACCESS testing, the student is considered a non-participant. An English Learner who "participated" in ACCESS testing may be considered a non-participant for the participation rate calculation purposes if the test was incomplete or the student took the Alternate ACCESS assessment when the student did not have an active IEP on the testing date.

SUBMIT APPEALS

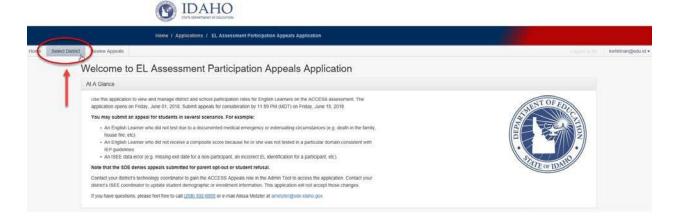
Districts are encouraged to track their appeals and download the finalized data to capture any information that they would like to store.

Access Instructions

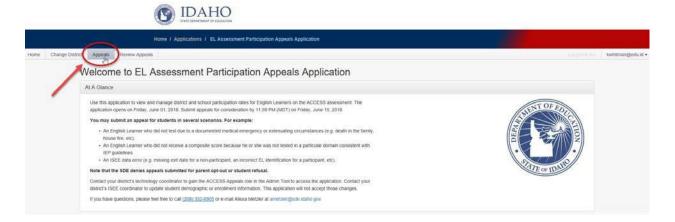
Go to the <u>EL Assessment Participation Appeals application</u>. Sign in the application by clicking on the Log On button at the top of the page. Contact your district's technology coordinator to gain the ACCESS Appeals role in the Admin Tool.



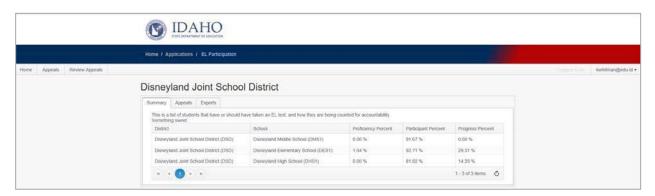
(For multi-districts user ONLY) Click on the Select District button to select one district, if your login credential is associated with multiple districts.



Click on the Appeals tab at the top of the page, to see a summary of EL appeals in your district.

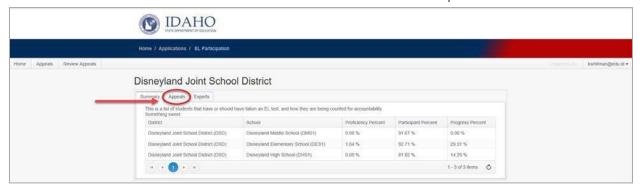


Review the summary information for your district. For each school in your district, you will see the preliminary proficiency rate, participation rate, and the preliminary percentage of students making adequate progress for future proficiency. The proficiency rate is the percentage of English Learners with a composite score of 4.2 or above on the overall composite measure in the ACCESS assessment or P2 or above on the overall composite measure in the Alternate ACCESS assessment. The percentage of students making adequate progress for future proficiency is the percentage of students with regular ACCESS overall scores in both 2019 and 2020 who made sufficient growth in their overall composite scale score based on their initial ACCESS performance level and number of years served in the EL program. These growth expectations are available on page 17 of Idaho's Consolidated State Plan.

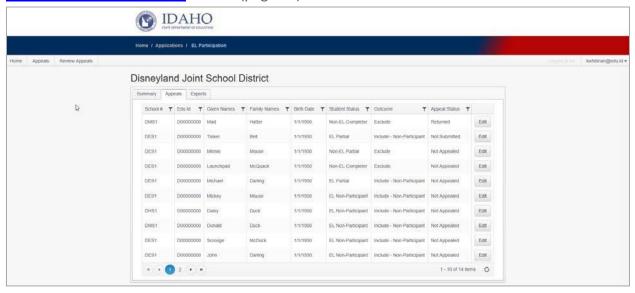


Reviewing Current Status Indicators

Click on the Appeals tab within the district summary box to review the appeals for students in your district. You can also click the Export tab if you would like to export a .csv file of all of the EL students and ACCESS assessment results for your district.

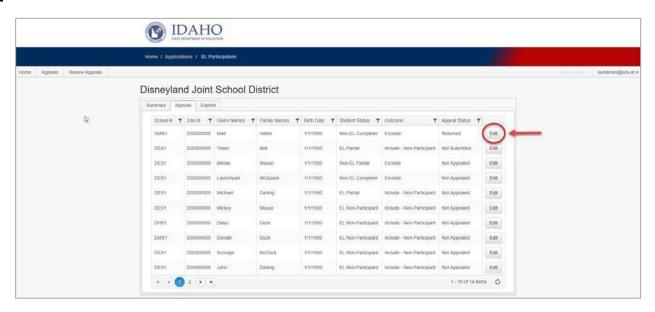


Review the list of students in the appeal list for your district. Each row includes a school number, a student id number (EDUID), last name, first name, birth date and three variables related to the appeal: Student Status, Outcome, and Appeal Status. See the Student Status Descriptions section (page 19) for more information on these statuses.

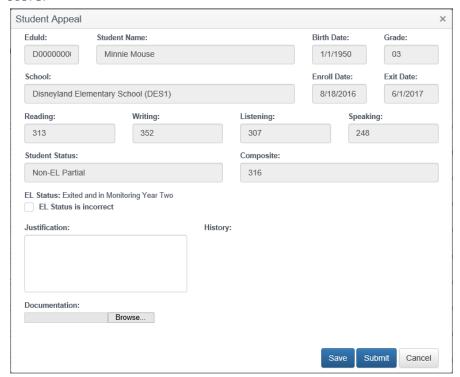


Submitting Student Appeals

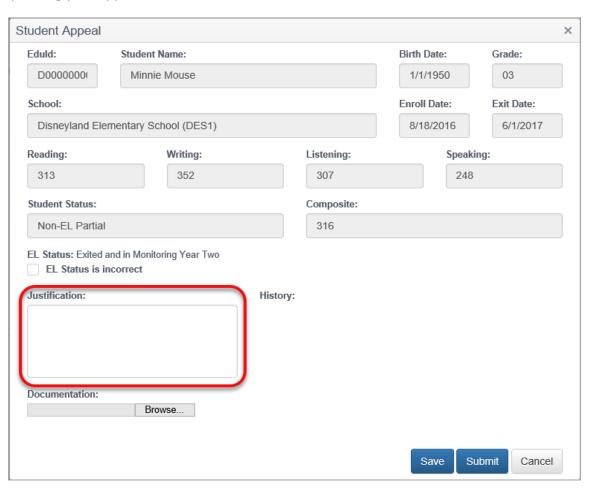
Click on the "Edit" button to access the individual appeal record for that student.



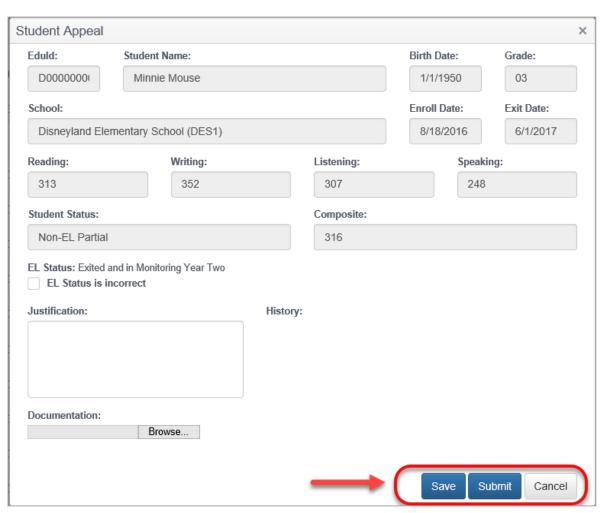
Review the information for the student's appeal record. In addition to the student's identifying information, you will see an enrollment date, an exit date, scores for each of the four ACCESS domains, the student's English Learner status, and a Composite score.



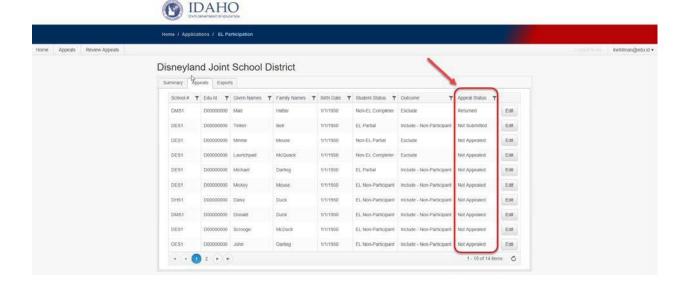
- Begin creating the appeal as appropriate. You are not able to modify the information at the top of the student appeal. The fields for creating an appeal begin on the bottom half of the screen. The appeal information you see will vary based on the student status. The steps are as follows:
 - First, confirm whether the EL status loaded from ELMS is correct.
 - If not, you will need to modify the EL status. After you click the box to modify the EL status, a drop down will appear, asking you to select the correct EL status.
 - Next, select the appeal reason. The appeal reasons will differ based on the EL status and whether the student has a complete, partial, or missing ACCESS assessment.
 - After filling in the necessary appeal fields for that student, write a justification explaining your appeal.



- Upload documentation for the appeal. See <u>Appendix I</u> for a list of acceptable documentation.
- Either save or submit the appeal when complete. Note that the SDE will not review saved appeals. You must submit the appeal for the SDE's review. Saving allows you to keep the information you have entered into the system. You can also click Cancel to close the appeal editscreen.



After completing an appeal, you can confirm the current status on the "Appeals" page for your district using the "Appeal Status" column (discussed in the Reviewing Current Status Indicators section). The status options are Not Appealed, Not Submitted, Returned, Submitted, and Completed. See the <u>Student Status Descriptions</u> section (page 19) for more information on these statuses. Pay particular attention to Returned appeals, which indicates the SDE is requesting additional information to consider the appeal you originally submitted.



Student Status Descriptions

Student Status

See below for a list of student statuses and their description:

STUDENT STATUS	DESCRIPTION
EL Non-Participant	Student is listed as an English Learner in ELMS but does not have any ACCESS test record.
EL Partial	Student is listed as an English Learner in ELMS but does not have a complete ACCESS test record.
Non-EL Completer	Student is not listed as an English Learner in ELMS and has a complete ACCESS test record.
Non-EL Partial	Student is not listed as an English Learner in ELMS and has a partial ACCESS test record.

Note: Students may also be considered non-participants if they took the Alternate ACCESS Assessment but did not have an active IEP on the testing date. The SDE will address these scenarios by contacting district personnel outside of the appeals application.

Outcome

Depending on the student's status, he or she may be included or excluded in the participation rate calculation. See below for a list of outcomes.

OUTCOME	DESCRIPTION	
Include – Non-Participant	Student is included in the participation rate calculation as a non-participant. Students with this outcome will appear in the denominator but not the numerator in the participation rate calculation.	
Exclude	Student is excluded from the participation rate calculation. Students with this outcome will not appear in the numerator or denominator of the participation rate calculation.	
Include - Participant	By default, you will not see this outcome in the appeals site. However, if the SDE approves an appeal for a student to be included as a participant, the "Include - Participant" status will appear on the students' record on the Appeals site. Students with this outcome will appear in both the numerator and denominator in the participation rate calculation.	

Appeal Status

Each student record can have one of several appeal statuses that change as you move through the appeals process. See below for a list of appeal statuses and their description.

APPEAL STATUS	DESCRIPTION
Not Appealed	No appeal has been submitted for the student.
Not Submitted	The appeal was created but has not been submitted for the student.
Returned	The district has submitted an appeal for the student, and the appeal has been returned by the SDE to the submitter due to insufficient documentation/information. Until sufficient documentation/information is submitted, the student's status will not change.
Submitted	The district has submitted an appeal for the student, but the appeal has yet to be reviewed by the SDE.
Completed	The district has submitted an appeal for the student, and the appeal has been either approved or denied by the SDE.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. Application

1.1. What are my login credentials?

Contact your district's IT personnel to gain the ACCESS Appeals role in the Admin Tool to access the Assessment Participation Appeals application.

1.2. What should I do when the site shows a run time error?

Clear the browser's cache and try to access the site again. Contact the SDE IT Support Desk at 208-332-6987 or at support@sde.idaho.gov for further assistance.

1.3. What should I do when the site shows an upload error? I cannot upload my document.

The document may be larger than the max allowable size. Please save the document in some other format and then re-upload. Contact the SDE IT Support Desk at 208-332-6987 or at support@sde.idaho.gov for further assistance.

1.4. Where can I find the last year's participation rate?

Contact the SDE's Assessment and Accountability Department at 208-332-6877 or assessments@sde.idaho.gov.

2. Goal and Annual Targets

2.1. What is the participation rate goal/target?

Consistent with Title I and Title III of the Every Student Succeeds Act, schools are expected to annually assess English proficiency of all English Learners in the school (sections 1111(b)(2)(G) and 3113(b)(3)(B)).

3. Acceptable and Unacceptable Appeal Reason

A STUDENT WHO	CAN YOU APPEAL?	EXPLANATION
Has a partial ACCESS assessment result	Yes, if the student was incorrectly identified as an English Learner, exited in the middle of the test window, completed all of the domains applicable under an active IEP, was homebound, or experienced a medical emergency or extenuating circumstance (requires written confirmation)	IDAPA 08.02.03.112.e exempts students from ISAT participation under certain circumstances and we are applying the same guidelines to the ACCESS assessment. Students with partial assessments and valid appeal reasons can be counted as participants, consistent with federal reporting guidelines for English Learner assessments.
Took the test, but the results are not properly displayed	Yes, contact the Assessment Department	The results may not have been matched to the enrollment records based on the EDUIDs available to the SDE.
Took the test, but the ACCESS test materials were returned late	Yes, with SDE verification from DRC that the student will appear in a late return file.	The ACCESS appeals site includes results provided to the SDE as of 05/19/2020. If a student's testing material was returned late, his or her record may not appear in this file.
	Yes, as long as you can provide evidence of a complete ACCESS assessment in SY 2019- 2020 from the other state	The ACCESS appeals site only includes results for tests administered in Idaho.
Was absent for the entire testing window because of documented medical reasons or was homebound	Yes, with a doctor's note or written explanation/documentation	IDAPA 08.02.03.112.e exempts students from ISAT participation under certain circumstances and we are applying the same guidelines to the ACCESS assessment.
Faced an extenuating circumstance (i.e. death in the family, house fire, car accident)	Yes, with written explanation/documentation	

A STUDENT WHO	CAN YOU APPEAL?	EXPLANATION
Was incorrectly identified as an English Learner in ELMS	Yes, as long as the student's corrected English Learner status is verified by student records submitted via ELMS. This process includes adding a student to ELMS when he or she was incorrectly identified as not being an English Learner and submitting a "Removing EL Designation" request via ELMS for students who were erroneously identified as English Learners	The appeal requires districts to make the appropriate changes through ELMS.
Dropped out, withdrew, or was expelled prior to March 6, 2020	Yes, as long as exit date is verified by enrollment records submitted via ISEE	Students who dropped out, withdrew, or were expelled prior to March 8, 2020, are not required to participate in the ACCESS assessment. The appeal requires districts to make the appropriate changes in their ISEE report.
Was a private/homeschool student, regardless of whether they received English learning instruction	Yes, as long as the private/homeschool status is verified by enrollment records submitted via ISEE	Any test results matched to the enrollment records reported via ISEE with the phSchool field flagged are excluded from the participation rate calculations. The appeal requires districts to make the appropriate changes in their ISEE report.
Was a foreign exchange student	Yes, as long as the entry reason is verified by enrollment records submitted via ISEE	Any test results matched to the enrollment records reported via ISEE with the Entry Reason field of Entering Foreign Exchange Student are excluded from the participation rate calculations. The appeal requires districts to make the appropriate changes in their ISEE report.
refused testing	No	

A STUDENT WHO	CAN YOU APPEAL?	EXPLANATION
whose parent refused testing or "opted-out" the student	No	Parent refusal does not exclude a student from the participation rate

OTHER RESOURCES

The Assessment Data Export Application (ADEA) also allows users to download student-level test results. For more information, visit https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/adea.

The WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS) supports teachers in preparing for and administering the ACCESS assessment. Contact Andrew Bennett, English Language Proficiency Assessment Coordinator, at abennett@sde.idaho.gov or 208-332-6909 for more information on accessing the system.

Appendix I. Acceptable Documentation

Please refer to the table below for a list of appeal reasons along with acceptable documentation.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT SEND any documentation via email, as it could expose student data.

APPEAL REASON	ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION
Dropped out, withdrew, or was expelled	Enrollment information corrected in ISEE submission
A medical emergency or extenuating circumstance	Doctor's note or some sort of written explanation/documentation
Test materials returned late	DRC verification (SDE will handle this process)
Incorrectly identified as an English Learner	Student demographic information corrected in ELMS
Took the ACCESS assessment in another state	ACCESS score report from the other state
Private/homeschool	Enrollment information corrected in ISEE submission
Foreign Exchange	Enrollment information corrected in ISEE submission