



# Title III/ESOL Update

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# 2023-2024 Webinar Schedule

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- September 12
- October 10
- November 7
- January 9
- February 13
- April 9
- May 14

Webinars will begin at 9:05 a.m.

Register @ [www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org)

Any links referenced during the webinar will be included, along with the Zoom link.

Updates will be recorded and available on the TASN website.

# Agenda

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- Regulations Changes – Added Endorsements
- Fast Facts
- CCSSO – English Learners Collaborative Update
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment
- Additional Training Opportunities
- Reminders

# Regulations Changes



English Speakers of Other Languages Endorsement

\*The Kansas State Board of Education on February 14, 2023  
voted to approve a set of pending regulations regarding licensure.

# How will requirements change?

- A “test plus” requirement
  - Must pass the English to Speakers of Other Languages PRAXIS exam ([www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)).
  - Content-specific professional learning and assessment of the professional learning will be required.
  - Professional learning component for ESOL will be related to the practical application of content knowledge.
  - Minimum of 6 credit hours. Courses to be determined by program.



# When will changes take effect?

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- Estimated implementation date: **Not earlier than July 1, 2024.**
  - *A transition period* will exist to allow for creation of the professional learning component and assessment of the professional learning component.
  - Endorsements may be added by testing during the transition period. *If the content exam is passed and application made to Teacher Licensure on or before June 30, 2024, the endorsement may be added to a license by passing the content exam only.*

# Focus on the Positive!

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- Foundational skills for English language teaching & practical application of learning.
- Continued support for English learners.
- Accountability.
- Clear, concise communication.
- Additional information will be communicated as it is received from Teacher Licensure.
- Find answers to licensure questions at [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org) > Licensure (applications, license requirements, license look-up)

# Fast Facts

English Learners in Kansas



# English Learners in Kansas

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- Preliminary numbers
  - SY23-24: **482,063** PK-12 public school enrollment
  - SY23-24: **43,304** (9%) English Learners PK-12 public schools
- The top ten languages: Spanish, Vietnamese, Swahili, Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Pushto, Mayan Languages, Portuguese, and Lao.

# Chief Council of State School Officers (CCSSO) National Conference

English Learners Collaborative Update



# Highlights of the Conference

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- Review English Learner Policy Changes in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- English Learner program models
- Define/discuss what makes a “qualified” teacher for an English learner
- Newcomer students
- English Language Proficiency assessment information

# Office of English Language Acquisition

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- Melissa Castillo, Senior Advisor, OELA
- Secretary Cardona's RAISE THE BAR: Pathways to Multilingualism for All
- OELA's Priorities
  - Family Engagement
  - Early Learning – webinar series beginning November 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Dual Language Programs
  - Seal of Biliteracy

# Office of English Language Acquisition Continued



- In 2019, there were 5.1 million English learners enrolled in our nation's public schools.
- English learners are one of the fastest growing populations.
- Students who come to school with a language other than or in addition to English come with many assets; language, culture, knowledge, and experiences.
- Focus on the assets. English learning is in addition to the home or heritage language.



*Of the 115 indigenous languages spoken in the U.S. today, 2 are healthy, 34 are in danger, and 79 will go extinct within a generation without serious intervention. Essentially, 99% of Native American languages spoken today are in danger.*

- Ethnologue

# OELA Family Engagement

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- *English Learner Family Toolkit*
  - 6 chapters
    - Chapters 1 and 2 available now; four through six coming soon!
    - Enrolling Your Child in School, Attending School in the United States, Other Educational Programs and Services for Your Child, Finding Extracurricular Activities for Your Child, The Health and Safety of Your Child at School, and Helping Your Child Be Successful in School.
  - 5 sections in each chapter
    - An overview, family and student rights, questions to ask schools, tips, and resources.
    - Available to download in English, Arabic, Chinese, and Spanish.

# WIDA Alternate ACCESS English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment

New beginning 2023-2024



# WIDA Alternate ACCESS ELP for Students with a Most Significant Cognitive Disability



Student has a home language survey indicating language other than English and DLM eligible



Will take place January 29-March 8, 2024 for students in Kdg-12th grade



Paper format, not computer based



Students must have a most significant cognitive disability, most significant deficits in adaptive behavior, and are an English Language learner



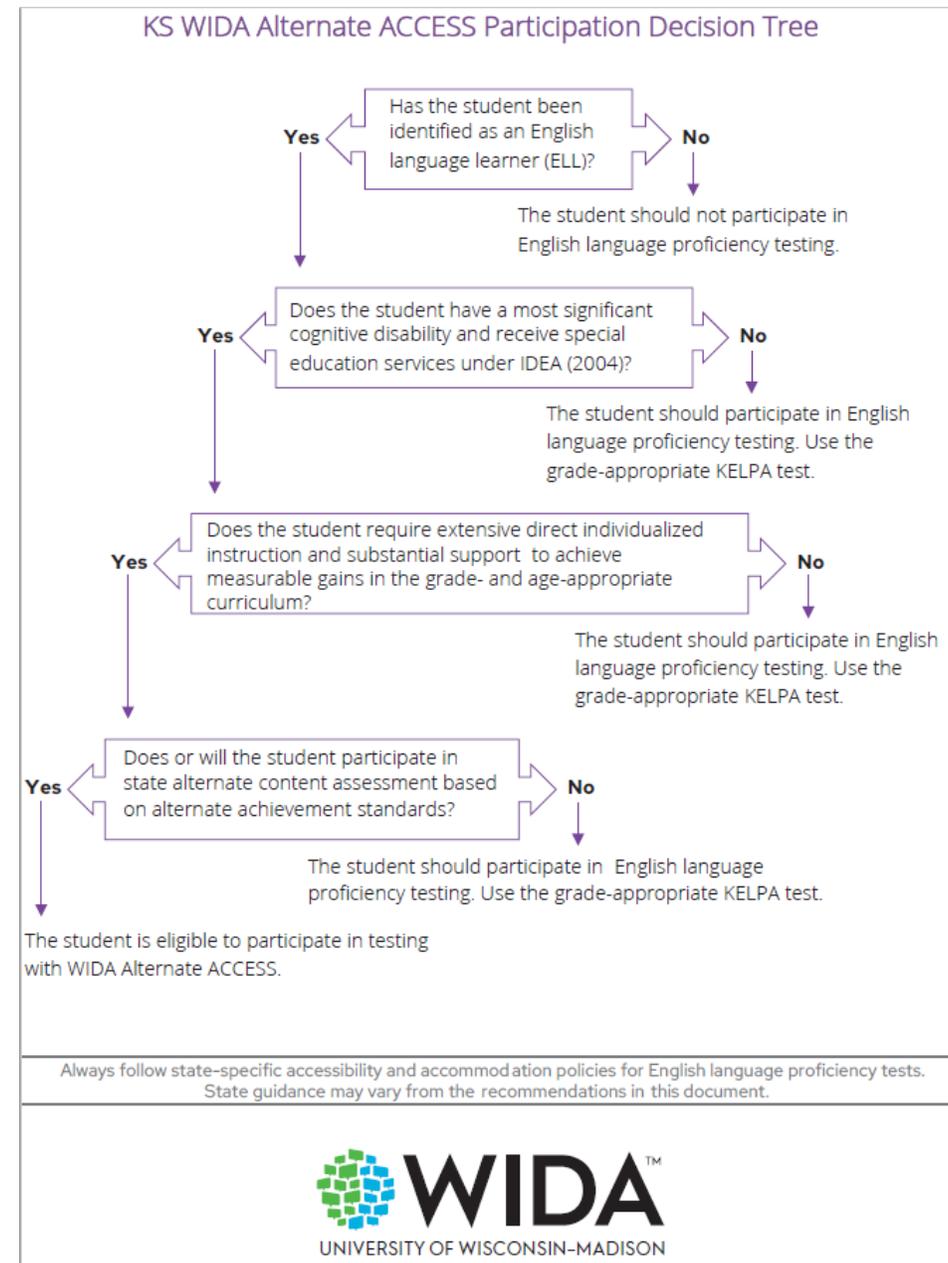
Use the same criteria as DLM and the alt early literacy screener to identify which students need the Alt ACCESS



Tests students' English Proficiency in the four domains: listening, reading, speaking, and writing



# KS WIDA Alternate ACCESS Participation Decision Tree



# Do you have a student eligible to take the WIDA Alt ACCESS?

- Email Twyla Sprouse
- District name and number
- School
- The number of students who will be eligible for the DLM with ESOL status, especially K-2 students not currently enrolled.
- KSDE will be in contact with the District Testing Coordinator with test administration training and other information.



# Contact Information for WIDA Alt ACCESS



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# Additional Training Opportunities



# Webinar

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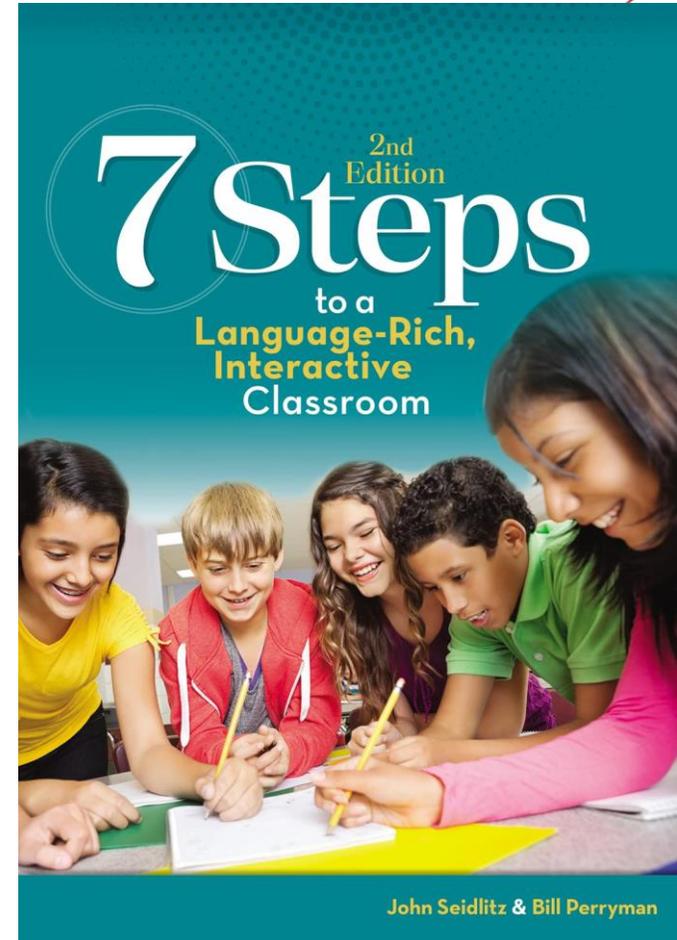


- DTC Virtual Training Webinar
  - Kansas District Test Coordinators (DTCs), Building Test Coordinators (BTCs), and Technology Coordinators are invited to join monthly training webinars.
  - Training, November 14th, at 1:00 p.m.
  - Topics: Agenda TBA
  - [DTC Virtual Training | Kansas Assessment Program \(ksassessments.org\)](https://ksassessments.org/dtc-virtual-training)
  - Educators > KELPA > View Resources > Training Tab
  - <https://ksassessments.org/dtc-virtual-training>

# Upcoming Opportunities



- *7 Steps to a Language-Rich, Interactive Classroom, Second Edition* by John Seidlitz and Bill Berryman.
- Tentative date to begin: January 2, 2024.
- Watch the ESOL listserv for details.
- Questions – contact Joann McRell
- [jmcrell@ksde.org](mailto:jmcrell@ksde.org)



# Resources

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- [www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org)
- My Events > Completed > Materials
- Links to:
  - Secretary Cardona's RAISE THE BAR: Pathways to Multilingualism for All
  - National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition Webinars
  - Office of English Language Acquisition Home Page
  - English Learner Family Toolkit

# Reminders

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- The next webinar date is January 9th.
- Please register @ [www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org)
- Do you have KELPA or WIDA Alt ACCESS Questions?
- Julie Ewing, Assistant Director, Career, Standards and Assessment Services
- Cary Rogers, Education Program Consultant, Special Education and Title Services

# Quote by Maya Angelou

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.



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