Timeline of Annual ELP Test Activities

The testing window for annual ELP assessments is generally 8 weeks during the months of February and March. In 2024 it will start on January 29 and end on March 22.

The testing window for the WIDA Screener begins in early August and typically runs through the end of June.

Students in Transitional Kindergarten should screen between May 1 and the end of the school year prior to starting kindergarten.

There is typically no ELP testing during the month of July.

Below is a general timeline of ELP testing activities.

Month	WIDA ACCESS	WIDA Screener	WIDA Alt ACCESS
August		Screener opens EL Directors or DACs ensure that TAs have completed the TA training (WIDA Secure Portal). Front Office staff should be trained in the intake process for potential ELs.	
September October and November	Districts ensure CEDARS accurately represents the current LEP status for students eligible for ELD services	Once school begins, students must be screened and eligible students placed in ELD services by day 10 of school.	IEP teams will need to identify assessment routes for students and developing assessment accommodation plans Trainings for Test Administrators will be available online in Nov.
Dec	Initial file is pulled from CEDARS to populate DRC. (around Dec. 8) EL Directors begin planning for testing and ensuring that all TAs are trained for WIDA ACCESS.		Identify in WAMs students who will be participating in the alt ELP assessment



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January February	Testing Window Opens		Testing Window Opens
March	Additional Materials can be ordered two weeks prior to the start of the window until one week prior to the end of the window. Materials must be returned one week after the close of the		Additional Materials can be ordered two weeks prior to the start of the window until one week prior to the end of the window. All materials must be returned one week after the close of the window.
	window Districts must enter students into the WIDA AMS system if they were not included in the initial file pulled in December.		Districts must enter students into the WIDA AMS system if they were not included in the initial file pulled in December.
April	Pre-reporting data validation window		Pre-reporting data validation window.
Мау	Scores will be reported in WIDA AMS at the end of May	Transitional Kindergarten students screen using the WIDA K Screener.	Scores will be reported in WIDA AMS at the end of May
June	Hard copies of reports will be in districts in mid-June	Screener closes at the end of June Screener training is available beginning July 1 in the WIDA Secure portal.	Hard copies of reports will be in districts in mid-June
July	No testing.	No testing.	No testing.