

Washington Assessment Management System (WAMS) Pre-Identification for English Language Proficiency (ELP)

Introduction to the WAMS Pre-Identification Process

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) uses the Washington Assessment Management System (WAMS) application in the Education Data System (EDS) to pre-identify Multilingual Learners (MLs) who require accommodations on the English Language Proficiency (ELP) annual assessments.

Requirements for Accommodations

Students must have an IEP or 504 and documentation within their formal plan to qualify for these accommodations. Additionally, students must be placed in two Student Programs to be available for Pre-Identification in WAMS: Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and Special Ed. These placements must be reflected in the district Student Information System (SIS) and flow through in district Comprehensive Education Data and Research System (CEDARS) submissions to populate in WAMS for selection.

Types of Accommodations Available in WAMS

There are two types of accommodations available in WAMS for Pre-Identification and there are different Pre-Identification deadlines for each type.

WIDA Alternate ACCESS and WIDA ACCESS Paper	Domain Exemptions
• Pre-Identification Deadline: Early December. • After Deadline: OSPI will send the state file to WIDA's test vendor, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) to generate the initial materials order that is shipped in January prior to the opening of the test administration window. This order will come with Pre-ID test labels with student information already entered. • Any students requiring accommodated test forms after the early December deadline must have their materials ordered during the Additional Materials Ordering window, and their test label must be entered by hand.	• Pre-Identification Deadline: Late April. • After Deadline: OSPI will submit a site file to WIDA so that WIDA can calculate the Less Than 4 Domain (LT4D) exemptions, producing both an Overall Composite Score and an Individual Score Report (ISR). • WIDA will only produce these two deliverables for up to two domains. For students requiring up to three domains, the Overall Composite will be produced by OSPI.



For Braille/Large Print accommodated test forms, districts must contact ELPAssessments@k12.wa.us for more information.

For more information about accommodations on ELP annual assessments, see the following resources:

- [Guidelines for Statewide Accountability Assessments](#)
- [Guidelines on Tools, Supports and Accommodations for State Assessments - GTSA](#)

Accessing the WAMS Pre-Identification Option

To pre-identify students in WAMS, users will need an account in EDS and the WAMS application. Follow the steps below to access the WAMS Pre-Identification option:

- Select "Pre-ID" in the top green row.
- Navigate to "Spring Alternate Assessment Registration" on the far-left column and select "WIDA Alternate and IEP-Specific Registration."

WIDA Alternate ACCESS Pre-Identification

The first column under ELP Assessments is for WIDA Alternate ACCESS. Select the radio button to pre-identify the student for WIDA Alternate ACCESS.

WIDA ACCESS Paper Pre-Identification

There are two options for paper tiers for WIDA ACCESS, Tier A and Tier B/C. Only one tier can be selected. Refer to the [Accessibility and Accommodations Manual | WIDA Secure Portal](#) for more information about tier placement.

Domain Exemptions for WIDA ACCESS Assessments

Entering domain exemptions in WAMS is a new process in the 2025-26 school year. Previously, districts entered domain exemptions in WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS) using the following process:

- Enter Do Not Score (DNS) for each domain exemption with the "Special Education Deferred" (SPD) designation.

With the removal of the need to enter DNS codes for domain exemptions in WIDA AMS, districts will no longer use the DNS function in WIDA AMS. Any need for placing a DNS code on a WIDA ACCESS assessment must be entered in the Assessment Reporting Management System (ARMS) as a Test Incident Report. The incident will be processed by OSPI and any DNS code applied by the ELP Assessment Office.

Students may be exempted from up to three domains. Students cannot be exempted from all four domains. Select the exact domains being exempted in the last four columns under "ELP Assessments" in WAMS to complete the Pre-Identification process.