

English Language Proficiency Screeners (WIDA): New and Updated CEDARS Reporting Requirements

English language proficiency screeners are the assessments used to determine initial eligibility for English language development services. CEDARS File J (English Learners) gathers information about the students screened as part of this process.

Why CEDARS is Changing

OSPI transitioned from ELPA21 to WIDA screeners, beginning with the 2021-22 school year.

When is it Changing

The CEDARS system changes will be implemented at two points in time. Minor changes will be part of the fall update. However, the more substantive change will not be included until the spring update to CEDARS. The corresponding updates to the Data Manual, Appendix, and Reporting Guidance are included in v14.1 and will be published to the [CEDARS Reporting site](#) as part of the fall update.

What is Changing This Fall

Element	Overview
J18 – Placement Test Code	New and updated valid values, to represent the <i>three</i> WIDA assessments used to determine eligibility
J20 – Placement Test Score	New expectation for reporting the screener <i>domain</i> scores in this existing element
J21– Placement Status	New and updated rows in Appendix N, which provides the CEDARS code for each of the unique placement status and assessment combinations

What is Changing This Spring

Element	Overview
J23 – Overall Placement Test Score	New element for reporting the screener <i>overall</i> score

Element J18 – Placement Test Code

Existing valid value 8 will be updated to clarify the code should be used for reporting assessments taken outside of WA public schools:

8 – WIDA ACCESS (not in Washington Public Schools)

New valid values 9 and 10 for reporting the Alt ACCESS and WIDA Screeners:

9 – WIDA Alt ACCESS (not in Washington Public Schools)

10 – WIDA Screener (in Washington Public Schools)

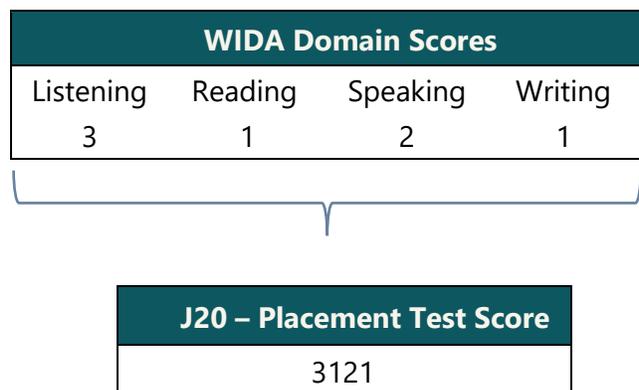


Element J20 – Placement Test Score

Reporting guidance, as summarized below, will be added to explain how to report the four WIDA Screener domain scores as a single character string.

Each of the four domains receive a score between 1 and 6. Report these domain scores as a 4-digit number in the following order: Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing

Example:



Element J21– Placement Status & Appendix N – English Learners Placement Status

The existing row for WIDA ACCESS will be updated with new statuses. Two new rows will be added, one each for WIDA Alt ACCESS and WIDA Screener:

	Status 0	Status 1	Status 2	Status 3	Status 4	Status 5	Status 6
WIDA ACCESS	Not Applicable	Initiating Entering	Exploring Emerging	Engaging Developing	Entering Expanding	Emerging Bridging	Developing Reaching
WIDA Alt ACCESS	Not Applicable	Initiating	Exploring	Engaging	Entering	Emerging	Developing
WIDA Screener	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Tested and Qualified	Tested but did not Qualify

Element J23 – Overall Placement Test Score

This new element will collect the overall score the student earned upon taking the most recent WIDA screener for the State Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program or English Language Development services. This element only refers to the most recent screener and is not for reporting of annual assessment information.

This will be a data character type but will appear as a numeric value and must include one digit to the right of the decimal point (scale). Data will be required for all records where Element J18 – Placement Test Code is 10 – WIDA Screener (in Washington Public Schools).

Note: OSPI will not accept this data until the spring update to CEDARS; including this element prior to then will result in the rejection of the entire CEDARS submission. Please prepare to send OSPI the data in spring 2022 by working with your SIS vendor to systematically track the data in your system.

Resources

[OSPI Assessment's WIDA Screener site](#)

[OSPI Bilingual Education Program site](#)

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