

#### Title III/ESOL Update

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#### 2024-2025 Webinar Schedule

August 15

September 12

October 17

November 14

January 16

February 13

April 17

May 15

- Webinars will begin at 1:00 p.m.
- Register @ 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



- Introduction of new ESOL/Title III Program Consultant
- Reminders
  - ESOL Endorsement
- Updates
  - U.S. Department of Education (Office of English Language Acquisition)
  - WIDA Alternate ACCESS
  - Policy Update: KELPA Score Reports
- Strategy Spotlight
- Additional Resources & PD Opportunities

#### **ESOL/Title III Program Consultant**

- Bachelors of Art: Mass Media (Washburn University)
- Masters of Science in Education: Curriculum & Instruction TESOL Emphasis (KU)
- Taught English in the Republic of Georgia
- 1 year as ESL Para
- Certified ESOL Teacher for 11 years
  - Charlotte, NC
  - Liberal, KS
  - Topeka, KS
- Excited to meet everyone and start collaborating!!

#### Reminder



#### **ESOL** Endorsement

- To transition higher education institutions and districts to the new requirements, the Teacher Licensure team will continue to accept and process *Test Only* applications to add the ESOL endorsement through December 31, 2024.
- English to Speakers of Other Languages Praxis test may be found at www.ets.org
- Effective date of the Test Plus Requirement is January 1, 2025.

#### Questions about Licensure?



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

English Learners Collaborative Update

#### U.S. Dept. of Education Updates

#### Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) <u>Digital Badges</u>

- Digital badges are a way OELA recognizes individuals who support and promote multilingualism through their professional development activities.
- Badges are awarded to those who display a strong commitment to advocating for multilingualism in their work or educational settings.





#### U.S. Dept. of Education Webinars



- Newcomer Toolkit: Creating Welcoming
   Environments for Newcomer Students Part
   I Nov 6, 2024, 3:00 PM (ET)
- Newcomer Toolkit: Supporting Newcomers' Social, <u>Emotional</u>, and Mental Health Needs Part II December 12, 2024, 2:00 PM (ET)
- Newcomer Toolkit: Providing High-Quality Instruction and Support for Newcomer Students Part III: January 14, 2025

Click <u>here</u> to view upcoming and past webinars.

## U.S. Dept. of Education Update Additional Webinar (Spanish)

- The U.S. Department of Education, the office for Civil Rights, and the Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) will share information about the Office of Civil Rights.
- Participants will learn about:
  - The mission of the Office of Civil Rights and the federal laws it enforces
  - Activities and jurisdiction
  - Complaint evaluation, investigation, and resolution process



Webinar Registration - Zoom



#### U.S. Dept. of Education Toolkits



#### Newcomer Toolkit

https://ncela.ed.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/NewcomerToolkit-06222023-508\_OELA.pdf

#### **English Learner Toolkit**

https://ncela.ed.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/files/english\_learner\_toolkit/OELA\_2017\_ELsToolkit\_508C.pdf

English Learner Family Toolkit (Available to download in English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish)

https://ncela.ed.gov/educator-support/toolkits/family-toolkit



## WIDA Alternate ACCESS English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment

## 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 February 3-March 14, 2025, 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

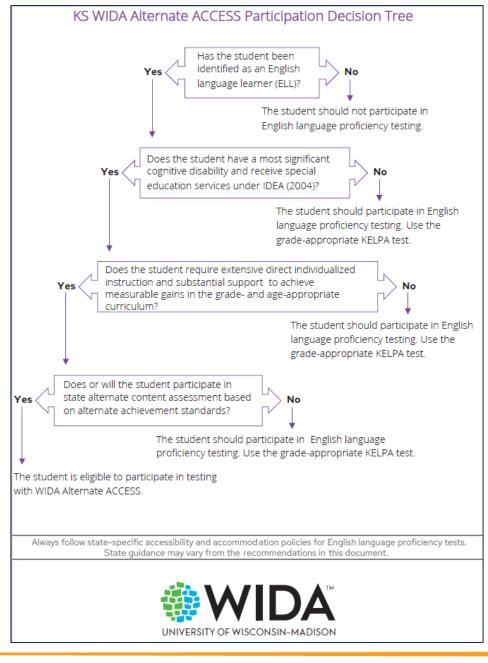


Use the same criteria as DLM and the alt early literacy screener to identify which students need the Alt ACCESS



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

# KS WIDA Alt ACCESS Participation Decision Tree





#### KSDE's State Page on WIDA Website

#### KSDE's state page

- Users can navigate to the page using the Member/State Pages dropdown menu located in the upper right corner of all pages on the <u>public-facing WIDA website</u>.
  - Testing dates
  - Contact information
  - Kansas WIDA Alternate ACCESS Checklist
  - State Testing Requirements
  - Test Preparation and Training
  - Manuals, Guides, and Test Materials
- When accessing the link for Kansas specific manuals (Test Administrator Manual, Test Coordinator Manual, and Accessibility and Accommodations Manual), users will be directed to the WIDA Secure Portal to login.

#### New WIDA Alternate Can Do Descriptors

#### Hot off the WIDA presses!

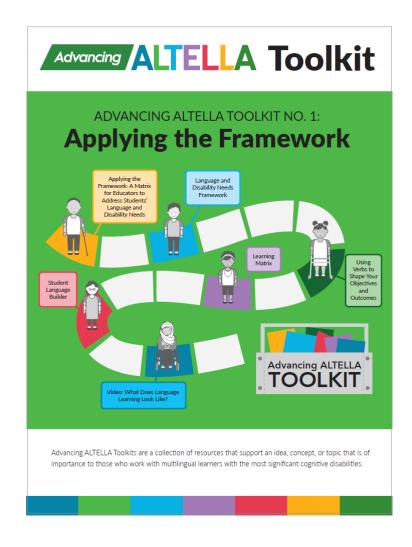
The brand-new Alternate Can Do Descriptors are the first-ever Can Do Descriptors for multilingual learners with the most significant cognitive disabilities. They exemplify what students can do with communication and language at various stages of English language development.

Find the Alternate Can Do Descriptors and more information about how to use them on the <u>Can Do Descriptors</u> webpage.



#### **Advancing ALTELLA Resources**

- Advancing ALTELLA Toolkit
   No. 1: Applying the
   Framework (PDF)
  - Research Brief
  - Verb List
  - Student Language Builder
  - Matrix
  - Link to the video
- Presentation Slides: Putting the Toolkit into Practice





#### November WIDA Assessment Webinars

- WIDA Alternate ACCESS for New Test Administrators
  - Tuesday, November 19 at 1:00pm-2:00pm CT
- Learn more and add upcoming webinars to your calendar on the Webinars page (login required).
- The recordings for Assessment Webinars are posted to the WIDA Secure Portal on the Webinars page within a week of the presentation.
- Technology-related webinar links can also be found in <u>WIDA AMS</u>.
   On the landing page, select My Applications > General Information > Documents and filter the Document Type by Memos/Documents.



#### **Need Access?**

Contact Chelsea Pelfrey for access to the WIDA Secure Portal or DRC Insight/WIDA AMS (District Test Coordinators ONLY)

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All other test administration questions?

Contact Cary Rogers





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#### **Policy Update**

KELPA/WIDA Alt ACCESS Score Reports

#### KELPA/WIDA Alt ACCESS Score Reports



KSDE staff will no longer send KELPA score reports via encrypted email to staff in Kansas school districts. Score reports should be printed each spring and placed in student cumulative files. Please keep student files up to date, as documents pertaining to ESOL services and supports are critical should a student transfer to another school. If a current KELPA report is not in the file, the receiving school district will need to contact the former school district or screen the student using the KELPA screener. – EFFECTIVE October 7, 2024



#### Strategy Spotlight



#### **Asset-Based Approach**

Value – Relationships fostered based on mutual respect.

**Expect** – Having clear success criteria and high expectations to strategically help ELs thrive with high-level learning.

Engage – Use of a variety of strategies to reach students.

Observe – Every task is an opportunity to gather formative data!

**Support** – Be strategic about using or losing scaffolds (by looking at the data!)

**Reflect** – "What will I change about *my* instruction to ensure this student succeeds?"



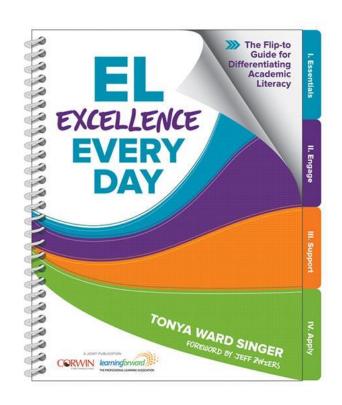
#### Flip-to Guide for Differentiating



#### **Tonya Ward Singer**



The author is an EL and literacy expert who consults internationally to help K-12 teachers excel in reaching all learners.



ISBN 978-1-5063-7787-2

This recommendation is made solely by the ESOL/Title III Program Consultant and does not imply endorsement by KSDE.



## Professional Development Opportunities

#### Save the Date!

Additional information and registration to be sent out later!

ESOL Innovations: A State-Wide Summit for EL Coordinators & Administrators April 23rd - Lawrence, Kansas

A small group of district leaders across the state are collaborating with Greenbush and Ottawa University to hold a conference designed for Kansas ESOL coordinators and directors.

#### Sessions include:

- Designing MTSS intervention models and materials that are appropriate for Els
- FastBridge and other assessments When are they appropriate for multilingual learners?
- Co-teaching models for meeting the needs of your ELs
- Identifying and meeting the needs of dual-identified students (SPED and EL)
- Supporting students with SLIFE (Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education) needs
- Strengthening Tier I instruction





#### Resources & Reminders

#### Resources



#### ESOL/Bilingual Education Program Guidance Document <a href="https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Title/ESOL/ESOLProgramGuidance.pdf">https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Title/ESOL/ESOLProgramGuidance.pdf</a>

#### **FSOL** Education Resources

https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Title-Services/Title-III-State-ESOL/ESOL-Education-Resources

#### Title III State ESOL

https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Title-Services/Title-III-State-ESOL

#### 2024-2025 Kansas Assessment Program Overview

https://ksassessments.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-25\_Kansas\_Assessments\_Overview\_Calendar.pdf

#### Plyler v. Doe [457 W.S. 202(1982)] Reference

https://www.idra.org/resource-center/immigrant-students-rights-to-attend-public-schools-2/

#### Reminders



• If you have a new student enroll, please remember to complete the KELPA screener and send home the Parent Notification Letter within 10 school days.

- The next webinar date is January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - Please register @ www.ksdetasn.org.



# Thank you for attending! I look forward to collaborating to support students and families in Kansas!



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