

Guide to the 2016 Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Report

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is an English **language proficiency** assessment for Grades K–12. The test measures the English **language development** of students identified as **English language learners**.

What is the Parent/Guardian Report?

The Parent/Guardian Report shows your child’s scores on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment.

The top of the report includes your child’s name, date of birth, grade level, school and district name, and the district and state identification numbers.

WIDA		ACCESS for ELLs 2.0* English Language Proficiency Test	Parent/Guardian Report 2016	
District:	Student:			
School:	State ID:	District ID:		
Grade:	Birth Date:			

What does the Parent/Guardian tell me?





The report shows the eight scores your child could receive on the test. If your child took all four sections of the test, he/she will receive all eight scores. NA, or not available, indicates no score was reported. There are four *Language Domain* scores and four *Composite Scores*.

Language Domain scores are reported for Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. These scores reflect the four sections of the test.

Composite Scores are combinations of your child’s Language Domain scores. The four Composite Scores are Oral Language, Literacy, Comprehension, and the Overall score.

How are the scores reported?

Proficiency Level scores are reported as numbers that range from 1.0 – 6.0, for example 4.0 or 2.2. These scores correspond to the six WIDA English Language Proficiency Levels. A score of 1.0 can be thought of as a “beginner” score, while a 6.0 can be thought of as an “advanced” score in regards to English proficiency. The graph on the report is shaded to represent your child’s Proficiency Level score.

Student’s English Language Proficiency Level							
Test Section	1 – Entering	2 – Emerging	3 – Developing	4 – Expanding	5 – Bridging	6 – Reaching	
Listening 							
Speaking 							
Reading 							
Writing 							
Oral Language ^A (Listening and Speaking)							
Literacy ^B (Reading and Writing)							
Comprehension ^C (Listening and Reading)							
Overall ^D (Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing)							

The table at the bottom of the report provides examples of what students at your child’s proficiency level can do with English. It also provides information on how the Language Domain scores are combined to make the Composite Scores.

What should I look for in my child's report?

We encourage families to look at all of the scores reported for their child. Here are some suggestions for how to interpret, or make sense of, your child's scores:

- *Look at the Language Domain scores.* Look at his/her Proficiency Level scores for Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Which scores are closer to 6.0? Which scores are closer to 1.0?
- *Look at the Composite Scores.* Look at his/her Proficiency Level scores for Oral Language, Literacy, Comprehension, and the Overall Score. Which scores are closer to 6.0? Which scores are closer to 1.0?

How are the test scores used?

Scores from ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 can be used in many ways. Parents can use the scores to advocate for their child. Teachers use the scores to plan instruction and assessments. Districts use the scores to evaluate their language support programs, to monitor student progress in acquiring English, and to determine if a student is eligible to exit an English language support program. Scores are also used to meet federal and state accountability requirements.

Questions to ask

We encourage families to discuss the scores with their child's teacher(s). Here are some questions to ask:

- What scores does he/she need to exit the English language support program?
- Will my child take this test every year?
- How are the scores shared with his/her teachers?
- What type of English language support do you provide my child?
- What would you like to know about how my child uses language at home?
- Why did my child receive a score of NA?
- What does a score of NA mean?

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 reports the following eight scores:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing
- Oral Language
- Literacy
- Comprehension
- Overall

Scores are reported as *Proficiency Level* scores.

Key Terms to Know

English language learners are students who are eligible to receive support at school with the English language.

Language development is a process that takes time. Students move along this process at different rates.

Language proficiency is a measurement of where students are in the process of language development.

If you have questions about your child's ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 scores, please contact your child's school.