

South Dakota Identification Criteria

To gain access to this assessment, a login/password is needed. This information can only be given to assessment coordinators. Contact the South Dakota Department of Education. The KG W-APT can be downloaded from: <https://www.wida.us/assessment/w-apt/> . To access the WIDA Screener visit: <https://www.drcedirect.com/all/eca-portal-ui/welcome/WIDA>

South Dakota criteria for classifying a student as EL are as follows:

- **Grades 1-12 WIDA Screener:**
Students with a composite score lower than 5.0 qualify for EL services.

- **Kindergarten- Preschool through 1st semester of grade 1:**
The Kindergarten Listening and Speaking Test is an oral proficiency test intended for students in this age range. (It cannot be given earlier than May prior to entering kindergarten.)
 - Identification Criteria: If combined Listening and Speaking raw score is less than 29, the student will be deemed eligible for language assistance services and must be administered the annual ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment.
OR
 - A score less than 5.0 on WIDA Measure of Developing English Language (MODEL) is also considered a placement score for ELs.

- **Kindergarten-2nd semester kindergarten through 1st semester of grade 1.** The Kindergarten Reading and Writing Tests are **diagnostic tests** intended for students in this range.
 - Identification Criteria: If combined Listening and Speaking raw score is less than 19, the student will be deemed eligible for language assistance services and must be administered the annual ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment. If combined Listening and Speaking raw score ranges from 19 to 28, the Reading and Writing portions need to be administered. If the Reading score is lower than an 11 and the Writing score is lower than a 12, the student is classified as EL and must be administered the annual ACCESS for ELLs® assessment.
OR
 - A score less than 5.0 on WIDA Measure of Developing English Language (MODEL) is also considered a placement score for ELs.

The Kindergarten W-APT and WIDA Screener test results need to be placed in the student's cumulative file.