



South Dakota W-APT Identification Criteria

To gain access to this assessment, a login/password is needed. This information can only be given to district testing coordinators. Contact the South Dakota Department of Education. The W-APT can be downloaded from: <http://www.wida.us/assessment/w-apt/index.aspx>.

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

- **Grades 1-12:**

Students with a composite score lower than 5.0 qualify for ELL 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 ELLs.

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 19-28, the Reading and Writing portions need to be administered. If Reading score is lower than an 11 and the Writing score is lower than a 12, the student is classified as ELL 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 ELLs.

The W-APT test results/scores need to be placed in the student's cumulative file.

Parents can refuse ELL services if a student is identified as ELL. However, they cannot refuse the administration of language identifier test at entrance.