

## **What is the First Year in Country (FYIC) criteria?**

- A. must be an identified EL student
- B. have been enrolled in a school in one of the 50 states in the United States or the District of Columbia for less than 12 months
- C. Must participate in ACCESS Online or Alternate ACCESS assessment if enrolled during the testing window
- D. For students arriving after the ACCESS testing window, the WIDA Screener must be administered to provide evidence for SD ELA or ACT ELA assessment exemption

### **If the student meets the above criteria, then...**

The student is exempt from participating in the ELA portion of the SD state assessment or ACT for juniors; however, the student is **required** to participate in Math and Science. Scores are not included in accountability.

### **Qualifying Dates for ELA Exemption for School Year 2025-2026**

May 2, 2025 – May 1, 2026

### **Qualifying Dates for ELA Exemption for School Year 2026-2027**

May 2, 2026 – May 3, 2027