**What is a first year in country 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 for ELL 2.0 English language proficiency assessment if enrolled during the testing window

D. For students arriving after the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 testing window, the WIDA Screener must be administered to provide evidence for SD 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; 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 2024-2025**

May 2, 2024 – May 1, 2025