



Idaho Department
of Education

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Overview

English Language Proficiency Assessment

2025-2026 Webinar Series

August 19, 2025



Webinar Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the security requirements and necessary considerations prior to a WIDA Screener Online / Paper administration.
- Explain the training & certification requirements to administer WIDA Screener Online / Paper.
- Identify WIDA Screener Online / Paper purpose, test materials, and screen-out criteria.
- Identify key WIDA Screener Online / Paper administration steps.
- Describe the role of ELMS as it pertains to reporting WIDA Screener Online / Paper scores.

English Language Proficiency Assessment EL Identification Resources

ELPA: Navigating WIDA Screener & ACCESS for ELLs Guidance Document

- Section IV: English Learner Identification (pp. 13-24)

Idaho EL Identification & Placement Guidance 2025-26

- Provides an outline of policies, procedures, screener options, test administrator training & certification requirements, and criteria for placement in EL services

Idaho Department of Education – ELPA Webpage

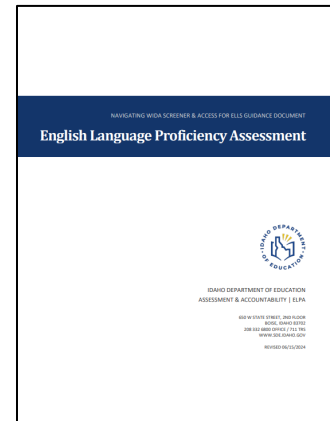
- Site to find the most up-to-date ELPA information

WIDA Secure Portal

- Learn, train, and certify to administer WIDA Screener for KG
- Download WIDA Screener for KG test materials

English Learner Program Manual

- EL Identification & Screening Section (pp. 24-44)



WIDA Screener Online / Paper

Test Security

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Test Security



IDAPA Rule 08.03.02.111.11

- To ensure integrity of secure test items and protect validity and reliability of test outcomes, test security must be maintained.
- LEAs and schools will employ security measures in protecting statewide assessment materials from compromise.
- Each individual who has any opportunity to see test items must sign a state-provided [confidentiality agreement](#), which the district must keep on file in the district for at least two (2) years.
 - [Idaho Department of Education – Assessment Confidentiality Agreement](#)
 - [WIDA Non-Disclosure and User Agreement](#)

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Test Security

Screeners materials including electronic and print materials are considered secure

- Store materials in a secure area
- Inventory the materials before and after each screener session
- Only use screener(s) materials to identify a student for enrollment into a district's language instruction educational program (LIEP)
- Do not share test items with others
- Report any test incidents within 24 hours
 - [Idaho SDE Test Incident Log](#)
- Securely store or destroy student response booklets after use

WIDA Screener Online / Paper

Purpose

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Purpose

- Assists SEAs and LEAs in identifying students who are eligible for Language Instruction Educational Programs (LIEPs) ESSA Section 3113(b)(2).
- Provide an initial measure of a student's academic English language proficiency
- Assists educational partners in making decisions about students' need for language instruction

WIDA Screener Online / Paper

Training & Certification

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Training & Certification

Yearly training and certification is required prior to all WIDA Screener and WIDA Screener Online / Paper administrations

- Training and certification is completed in the [WIDA Secure Portal](#)
- Training and certification is only required for the specific WIDA Screener the Test Administrator is responsible for proctoring
- Certification quizzes must be completed with a score of 80% or higher to attain certification
- A record of all TA certifications should be printed and kept on-site

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Training & Certification

WIDA Screener	Training Course Name	Certification Quiz Name
WIDA Screener Online WIDA Screener Paper*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WIDA Screener Online: Administration WIDA Screener Paper: Administration Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener Writing for Grades 1-5: Scoring WIDA Screener Writing for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>WIDA Screener Online: Administration Certification Quiz</i> <i>WIDA Screener Paper: Administration Certification Quiz</i> <i>Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener Certification Quiz</i> <i>Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener Certification Quiz</i> <i>Writing for Grades 1-5: Scoring WIDA Screener Certification Quiz</i> <i>Writing for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener Certification Quiz</i>

**Certification
is valid from
July 1 to June
30**

WIDA Screener Online / Paper

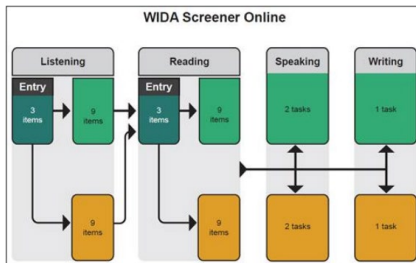
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WIDA Screener Online / Paper

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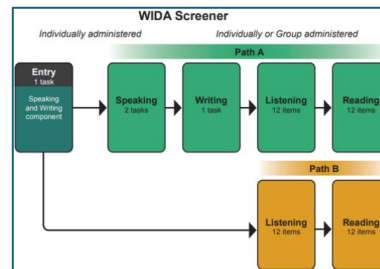
WIDA Screener Online

- Grade-level Clusters: 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12
- Four language domain sub-tests (Listening, reading, Writing, Speaking)
 - Listening & Reading scored by INSIGHT
 - Writing & speaking scored by local LEA
- Test order: Listening > Reading > Writing > Speaking
- Approximately 60-75 Minutes



WIDA Screener Paper

- Grade-level Clusters: 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12
- Four language domain sub-tests (Listening, reading, Writing, Speaking)
 - All domains are scored by the test administrator
- TA selects proficiency Tier A or Tier B/C based on proficiency
- Each grade-level cluster has an Entry Task to determine whether to use Path A or Path B.
 - Most students will complete Path A.
 - Path B is for Newcomers with a very beginning English proficiency level
- All scores are entered into the [Score Calculator for WIDA Screener Paper](#) to derive English proficiency levels



WIDA Screener Online/Paper

Testing Population & Screen-Out Criteria

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Testing Population

WIDA Screener Online

- Second semester Grade one – Grade 12 potential ELs
- English proficiency assesses reading, writing, listening, speaking
- Idaho Department of Education / State Board of Education default Screener

WIDA Screener Paper

- Second semester Grade one – Grade 12 potential ELs
- English proficiency assesses reading, writing, listening, speaking
- WIDA Screener Paper may be used as an administrative consideration

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Testing Population

WIDA Screener Online / Paper (second semester grade 1)

Grade	1*		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
Semester	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Grade-Cluster Form	Grade 1 Test		Grades 2–3 Test				Grades 4–5 Test				Grades 6–8 Test				Grades 9–12 Test									

- Second semester grade one – grade 12 complete all domains
 - Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Screen-Out Criteria

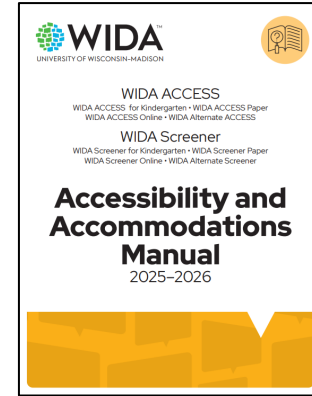
First Semester Kindergarten	Second Semester Kindergarten	First Semester Grade 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 5.0 Oral Language Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Listening Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 5.0 Oral Language Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Listening Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level • ≥ 2.0 Literacy Score 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 5.0 Oral Language Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Listening Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Literacy Score

- WIDA Screener Online Scoring is completed within WIDA AMS
 - Requires the “Educator Scoring” permission role; assigned by DTC
- WIDA Screener Paper scoring is completed when student’s raw scores are input in the [Paper Score Calculator](#) to derive domain and composite proficiency levels
- An EL Status of “SO” in ELMS, indicates a potential EL completed the WIDA Screener Online / Paper and attained or exceeded the screen-out criteria.

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Test Materials

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Accessibility & Accommodations

- **Universal Tools**
 - Available to all students
- **Administrative Considerations**
 - Team decision - available to all students
- **Accommodations**
 - Students with IEP or 504 Plan
 - Changes to presentation, student response, timing of the test, or test environment
- **Accessibility and Accommodations Manual**
 - WIDA Secure Portal



WIDA Screener Online Test Materials

- Potential ELs in grades 4-12 taking WIDA Screener Online complete all domains online
- Potential ELs in grades 1-3 take Listening, Reading, and Speaking online. The Writing section is completed on Paper
- All WIDA Screener for Online paper test materials may be downloaded from the WIDA Secure Portal > Resource Section

WIDA Screener Online – Downloadable Materials

- [WIDA Screener Online – Grades 1-12 Test Administrator's Script](#)
- WIDA Screener Online – Grades 1 & 2-3 Writing Test Administration Script
- WIDA Screener Online – Writing Response Booklet – Grade 1, 2-3 (Tier A & Tier B/C)
- [ELPA: Navigating WIDA Screener & ACCESS for ELLs Appendix 3](#)

WIDA Paper Screener Test Materials

- WIDA Screener Paper can be administered to all students as an administrative consideration
- Most WIDA Screener Paper test materials may be downloaded from the WIDA Secure Portal > Resource Section

WIDA Screener Paper – Downloadable Materials

- [WIDA Screener Paper Test Administration Manual](#)
- WIDA Screener Paper - Test Administrator's Script (Grade 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12)
- WIDA Screener Paper - Student Response Booklet (Grade 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12)
- [WIDA Screener Paper Scoring Calculator](#)
- **The listening and speaking audio files must be requested by contacting the Idaho SDE ELPA Coordinator, or by purchasing them directly via the WIDA Store**

WIDA Assessment Management System

(WIDA AMS)

WIDA AMS - WIDA Screener Online New Student / Registrations

New Students

- Add into WIDAAMS before being added to a registration.
- See “Adding a New Student to WIDA” in WIDAAMS > Student Management > “?”

Required WIDAAMS Permissions to Create New Students

- “Registration – Add and Register Student”

New Registrations

- See “Creating a Registration” in WIDAAMS > Test Management > “?”



Required WIDAAMS Permissions to Create Registrations

- “Registration-Add/Edit” / “Registration-Search/View” / “Registration-Edit Accommodations” / “Test Setup-Primary Window”
- WIDA Screener Online - all registrations need to be created by the district through a Student Import file, or manually.

WIDA AMS - WIDA Screener Online

Add New Student

To add a student in WIDA AMS:

1. Select **Student Management** from the WIDA AMS My Applications menu bar.
2. Click **Select a Site** ... and select your school by searching for your school's name or code. Click **Save**.
3. Confirm the correct Academic Session is selected in the Academic Session drop-down.
4. Select the appropriate **Testing Program** (WIDA Screener Online) in the **Testing Program** filter.
5. Click **Create Student** once the button becomes active.
6. Enter the student's information in the required fields and complete any additional fields according to your state or local policy.
7. Click **Save** to save the student's information, **Save & Add Another** if you have more students to add, or **Close** to cancel the process and return to the Student Management page.

WIDA AMS - WIDA Screener Online

Create Registration



To create a screener registration in WIDA AMS:

1. Select Test Management from the WIDA AMS **My Applications** Menu.
2. Confirm or enter your **site** criteria in the upper right corner. Click **Save**.
3. Confirm or select your **Registration Window** in the drop-down. Make sure to select the correct year.
4. Click the **Create Registration** tab.
5. Enter a **Registration Name of your choice**. The registration name should be descriptive.
6. Click **Select Assessment(s)** . For ACCESS for ELLs, you will select an assessment by grade level and domain. For WIDA Screener Online, you will select the assessment by grade level. Select **Add**.
7. Click **Select Student(s)** to add one or more available students to the registration. To select multiple students, click the checkbox next to each student to add to the registration. Select **Add**.
8. Select **None** or **Required** for [Test Monitoring](#). Then turn the Restricted Access toggle to **On** or **Off**.
9. Click **Register**.
10. You will receive a *Registration Confirmation* message showing the assessment and number of students added to the registration. Click **Close**.

WIDA Screener Paper Administration

WIDA Screener Online Administration



Before Testing Considerations:

- Ensure that all IT components are updated and working
- Practice reading the test administration script to a colleague
- Prepare all testing materials prior to testing
 - Grade 1-3 Student Writing Test Booklet
 - Screener Online Writing Prompts: Tier A or Tier B/C
 - Writing Test Administers Script
- Understand individual student needs (Accessibility Features and Accommodations)
- Schedule an appropriate time for screening

Test Administrator (TA) Considerations:

- Familiar TA administer screener
- Cultural / Religious values

Testing Environment Considerations:

- Welcoming environment, free from distractions
 - Place a “Testing in Progress” sign on the door

WIDA Screener Online Administration



Determine Grade-level Cluster

- Choose the grade level cluster the student should take. The appropriate grade cluster depends on the time of year the test is given and on your state policy.

Enter Student Information in WIDA AMS

- Go to WIDAAMS and enter the student's name and demographics.

Make a Screener Test Registration & Add Student

- Create a test registration in WIDAAMS. This may be done for each student, or for students screened that day, week, or month. It is up to the school district policy.
- Consider your local context when creating and naming test registrations, because over the course of a school year many similarly named registrations could be challenging to keep organized.
- For WIDA Screener Online, all four domains are included in a single test registration. This means there is one test ticket for the entire test.

Check Technology

- Check that the technology needed to test, including the DRC INSIGHT Secure Browser, is installed and working correctly.
- Verify headsets are working correctly.
- If you need help with technology setup, work with your technology coordinator.

Make Sure You Have All Materials Required

WIDA Screener Online Administration



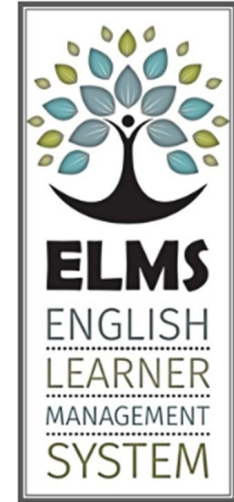
- Complete the Screener within the same day
- WIDA Screener Online required Headphones
 - Speaking domain requires a headset
- Have both Tier A and Tier B/C Student Response Writing Booklets available depending on the student's performance on the Listening and Reading domains.
- Be an active test administrator
- School/LEA scores the Writing and Speaking domains within WIDA AMS
 - > Screener Scoring

WIDA Screener Online / Paper

Reporting Screener Scores

WIDA Screener Online / Paper English Learner Management System

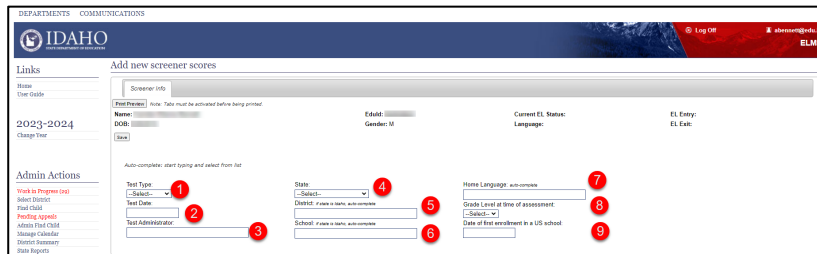
- The English Learner Management System (ELMS) is an ISEE web application that provides district personnel with students' current and historical assessment and EL program details.
- Districts are responsible for entering screener scores into ELMS after any WIDA Screener Online / Paper administration
 - Identify students' EL Status
 - Report WIDA Screener Online / Paper scores



WIDA Screener Online / Paper Reporting Screener Scores

Enter WIDA Screener Online / Paper scores into ELMS

- Look-up the student's ELMS record using the “Find Child” function
 - First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth
- Select “Screener” button found under the “Actions” column of ELMS
- Input Screener Info
 - **Test Type** field for WIDA Screener Online / Paper – “**WIDA Online / WIDA Paper**”
 - **Test Date / Test Administrator**
 - **State / District / School**
 - **Home Language / Grade Level / Date of first enrollment in a US school**



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Change Year

Admin Actions

- Link to Progress Log
- Admin Settings
- Find Child
- Find Child
- Admin Find Child
- Manage Calendar
- Admin Settings
- Find Child

Add new screener scores

Screener Info

Note: Tests must be activated before being printed

Name: [Text Field] Editable: [Text Field] Current EL Status: [Text Field] EL Entry: [Text Field]

DOB: [Text Field] Gender: M

Test: [Text Field]

Auto-complete, start typing and select from list

Test Type: [Dropdown Menu] State: [Dropdown Menu] Home Language: [Text Field]

Test Date: [Text Field] District: [Text Field] Grade Level: [Text Field]


Test Administrator: [Text Field] School: [Text Field] Date of first enrollment in a US school: [Text Field]

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Reporting Screener Scores

Enter WIDA Screener Online or Paper language domain and composite proficiency levels under the “WIDA Online / WIDA Paper” tab

- Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, and Overall

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Change Year

Admin Actions

- Work in Progress (30)
- Select District
- Find Child
- Pending Appeals
- Admin Find Child
- Manage Calendar
- District Summary
- State Reports

Existing screener scores

Screener Info
WIDA Online
Home Language Survey

Print Preview
Note: Tabs must be activated before being printed.

Name:
DOB:

Eduld:
Gender: M

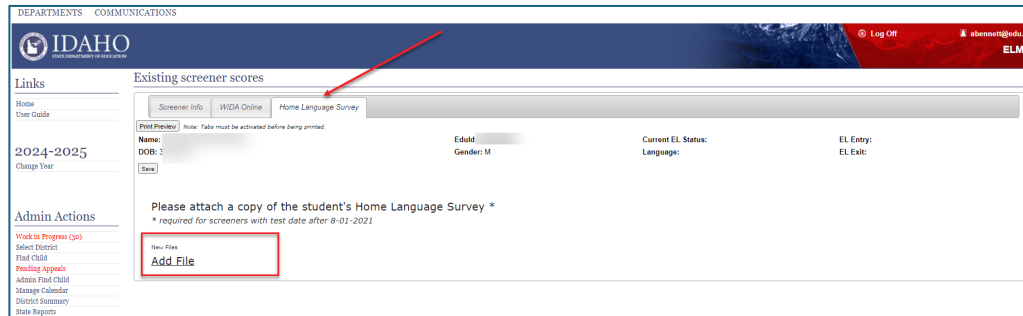
Save

Area	Proficiency Level
Listening	<input type="text"/> To the nearest whole point between 1.0 and 6.0
Speaking	<input type="text"/> To the nearest whole point between 1.0 and 6.0
Reading	<input type="text"/> To the nearest whole point between 1.0 and 6.0
Writing	<input type="text"/> To the nearest whole point between 1.0 and 6.0
Overall	<input type="text"/> To the nearest half point between 1.0 and 6.0

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Reporting Screener Scores

Home Language Survey is required to be uploaded into ELMS at the time the screener scores are entered

- Ensure to “save” and “submit” the screener information
- Successful reporting of WIDA Screener Online/Paper scores occurs once ELMS assigns an EL Status (e.g. L1 or SO).



Place a copy of the WIDA Screener Online/ Paper Score Report into the child's cumulative file



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Next ELPA Webinar Series Webinar

ELPA New District Test Coordinator Training

August 26, 2025: 12:00PM – 1:00PM MT

<https://idahosde.zoom.us/meeting/register/LkLWK430TMSmGXpQAdtgGQ#/registration>



ELPA Webinar: New WIDA District Test Coordinator Training

Tue Aug 26th 12:00pm - 1:00pm (MDT)

The webinar is intended for newly/recently appointed WIDA district test coordinators to become familiar with the required actions necessary to for ensuring a successful ELPA cycle. The webinar will go ...



Test Coordinator Training Canvas Course

Course Outline: Equips ELPA District Test Coordinators with information need to successfully prepare, administer, and conclude both WIDA Screener and ACCESS for ELLs.

Course Learning Objectives:

- Identify federal and state regulations, policies, and guidelines.
- Define Idaho ELPA's measurement and reporting of English language proficiency.
- Understand planning, preparation, and organization of ELPA.
- Coordinate ELPA administration effectively.
- Define data collection, validation, and reporting process.

How to Enroll & Access the Course:

- Complete Enrollment Form: [Link](#)
- Upon registration, receive email from "notifications@instructure.com"
 - Click "Get Started"
 - Course auto-populates within the user's Canvas Dashboard (user already has an account).
 - If not, create a Canvas account.



Canvas Log-in: Idaho Department of Education's Login portal: [Link](#)



ELPA Scheduled Training 2024-2025

Virtual WIDA Workshops

Scaffolding Instruction for Multilingual Learners

Oct. 8, 2025 & October 15, 2025

Two Virtual Workshops

- **Overview:** This workshop consists of two webinars about 1 week apart. Educators and leaders will learn how the various components of the WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards Framework work together to support access to high-quality learning opportunities for multilingual learners. Participants will explore how the WIDA ELD Standards Framework can support instructional planning and collaboration.

Expanding Reading Instruction With Multilingual Learners

Nov. 3, 2025 & Nov. 10, 2025

Two Live Virtual Workshops + Self-Paced Module

- **Overview:** This series of two webinars (one week apart) and online resources provides ideas for expanding reading instruction to make it more effective for multilingual learners. Participants will learn ways to build on and expand current approaches to teaching reading and to engage multilingual learners in the interactions that support reading development.



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ELPA Webinar Series 2024-2025

Free WIDA Self-Paced Workshops

- The WIDA ELD Standards Framework: A Collaborative Approach
- Newcomers: Promoting Success through Strengthening Practice
- Making Language Visible in the Classroom
- Reframing Education for Long-term English Learners
- Developing Language for Learning in Mathematics
- Engaging Multilingual Learners in Science: Making Sense of Phenomena
- Desarrollando el español: las expectativas del lenguaje
- Reading Comprehension Across Content Areas with Multilingual Learners
- Teaching Multilingual Learners Social Studies through Multiple Perspectives
- Let's Play! Multilingual Children's Joyful Learning in PreK-3
- Exploring the WIDA PreK-3 Essential Actions
- WIDA Español: Evaluaciones del desarrollo del lenguaje a nivel de salón - Classroom assessment for language development



English Language Proficiency Assessment 2024-2025 Webinar Series

- ELPA: WIDA Screener Online / Paper Overview
 - August 19, 2025 / 12:00-1:00PM MT
- ELPA: New WIDA District Test Coordinator Training
 - August 26, 2025 / 12:00-1:00PM MT
- ELPA: EL Identification Process
 - August 28, 2025 / 12:00-1:00PM MT
- ELPA: 2025-26 Test Cycle Overview & Updates
 - September 2, 2025 / 12:00-1:00PM MT
- ELPA: Assessment Supports & Resources
 - September 16, 2025 / 12:00PM MT
- ELPA: WIDA AMS Student Import File
 - October 21, 2025 / 12:00-1:00PM MT
- ELPA: Technology Readiness, Test Security & Scheduling
 - December 9, 2025 / 12:00-1:00PM MT

Questions & Open Discussion

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Questions & Open Discussion Reminder:

- Do not discuss student personal identifiable information (PII)
- Be respectful
- Use the “Chat” function or microphone to ask questions / provide Feedback.



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