



Idaho Department
of Education

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten

ELPA Webinar Series 2025-2026

August 13, 2025



Webinar Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- explain the training & certification requirements to administer WIDA Screener for Kindergarten
- identify WIDA Screener for Kindergarten purpose, test materials, and screen-out criteria
- describe the security requirements and considerations necessary to administer WIDA Screener for Kindergarten
- identify key WIDA Screener for Kindergarten administration steps necessary for success
- describe the role of ELMS as it pertains to reporting WIDA Screener for Kindergarten scores

EL Identification Resources

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

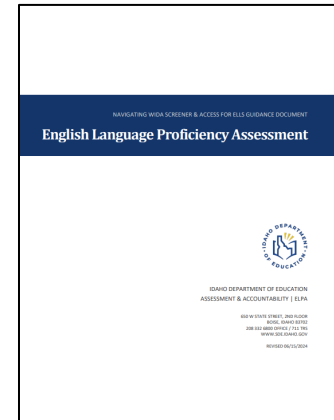
Idaho Department of Education – ELPA Webpage

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 for Kindergarten

Test Security

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten 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

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Test Security

Screeners materials including electronic and print materials are considered secure

- Store materials in a secure area
- Inventory the materials before and after a screener session
- Only use screener(s) materials to identify a student for services
- 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 for Kindergarten

Purpose

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- Assists SEAs and LEAs in identifying students who are eligible for an LEA's Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) (ESSA Section 3113(b)(2)).
- Provide an initial measure of a student's academic ELP.
- Assists parents and education teams to make informed decisions focused on individual language instruction needs

Idaho Specific Policy - Pre-Kindergarten EL Identification

- Verify pre-Kindergarten Identification policy
 - See ELPA Navigating WIDA Screener & ACCESS for ELL Guidance - [Appendix 11](#) – Note 1

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Training & Certification

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Training & Certification

Yearly training and certification is required prior to all WIDA Screener and WIDA Screener for Kindergarten 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 for Kindergarten Training & Certification

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

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

Overview

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Overview

- Individually administered paper-and-pencil flexible, on-demand test
- Engaging story & activity-centered test experience
- Responsive test design that lets students stop when they reach the extent of their current language skills
- Local scoring of student responses, score reports can be generated immediately after testing
- Two-domain (Listening and Speaking) or four-domain (Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing) administration is dependent upon student's grade level and entering semester

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten

Testing Population & Screen-Out Criteria

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Testing Population

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten (KG – first semester grade 1)

GRADE	K		1	
Semester	1	2	1	2
Grade - Cluster Form	K Screener			

- First semester KG - Listening and Speaking domains administered only
- Second semester KG and first semester grade 1 - complete all domains

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten 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

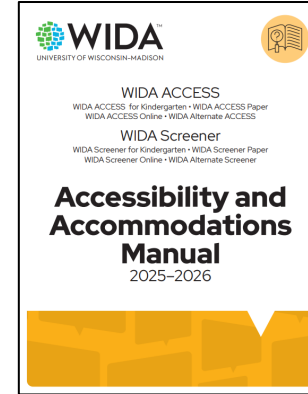
- Student raw scores recorded on the student score sheet during must be input into the [WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Score Calculator](#) to derive domain and composite proficiency levels
- An EL Status of “SO” in ELMS, indicates a potential EL completed the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten and attained or exceeded the screen-out criteria.

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten

Test Materials

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten 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 for Kindergarten Test Materials

- All WIDA Screener for Kindergarten test materials may be downloaded from the WIDA Secure Portal > Resource Section
- **WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Test Materials**
 - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Cards
 - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Response Booklet
 - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Score Sheets
 - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Storybook
 - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Test Administrator Script
 - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Test Administrator Manual
- **Auxiliary WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Tools**
 - [WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Test Administration Manual](#)
 - [WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Calculator](#)

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Administration

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Administration Considerations

Before Testing Considerations:

- Practice reading the test administration script to a colleague
- Understand individual student needs
- Schedule an appropriate time for screening

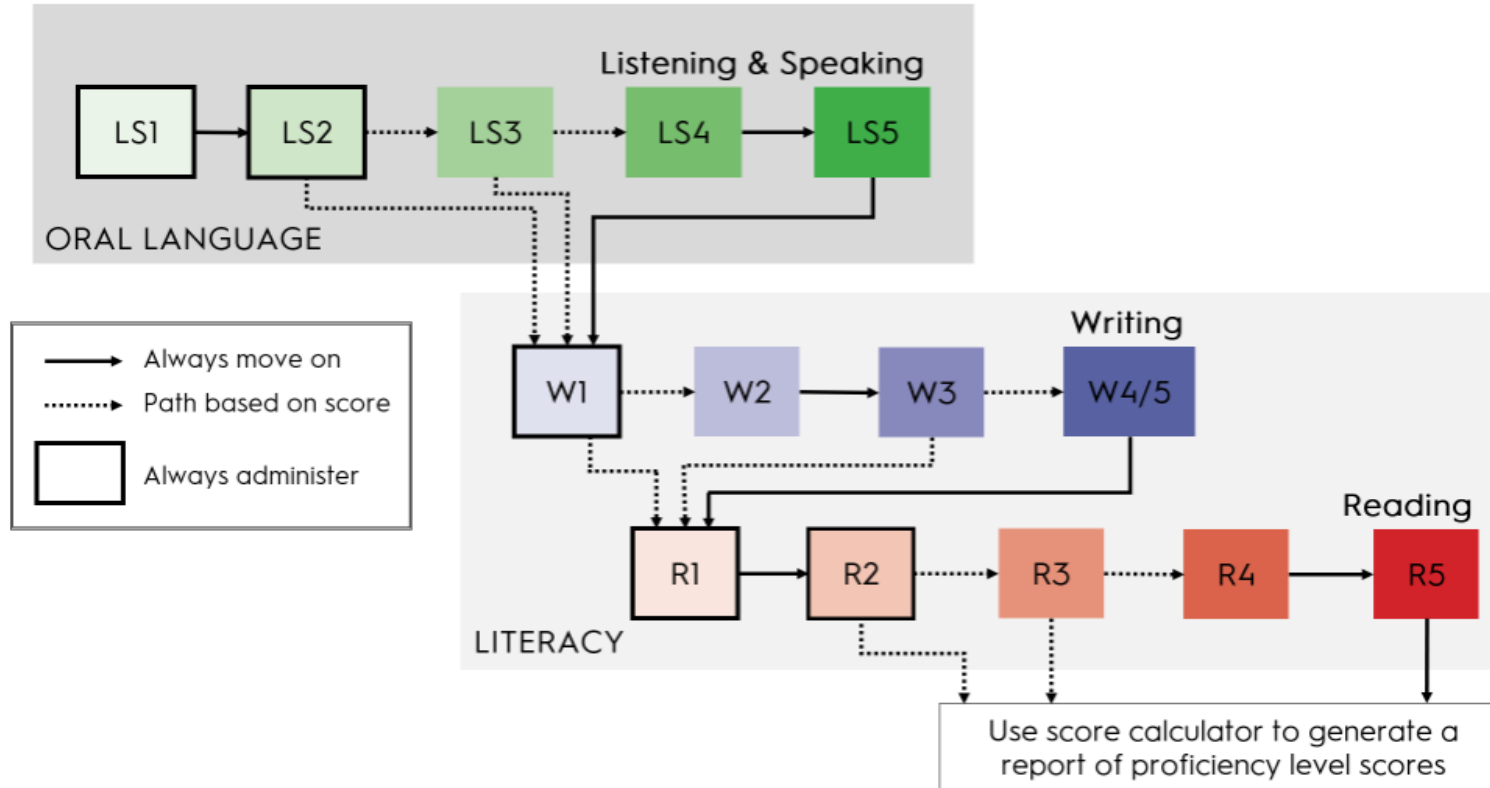
Test Administrator (TA) Considerations:

- 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 for Kindergarten Administration Sequence



WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Administration

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Test Administrator Script guides the sequencing for each screener section.

- TA reads the **bolded** text and additional prompts when necessary
- Tasks increase in difficulty and target the WIDA English language proficiency levels 1-5

Test Administrator scores each test item or task immediately after the student gives a response.

Test Administrator inputs the student's scores into the [WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Score Calculator](#) to obtain a domain and composite English language proficiency level.

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten

Reporting Screener Scores

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten English Learner Management System

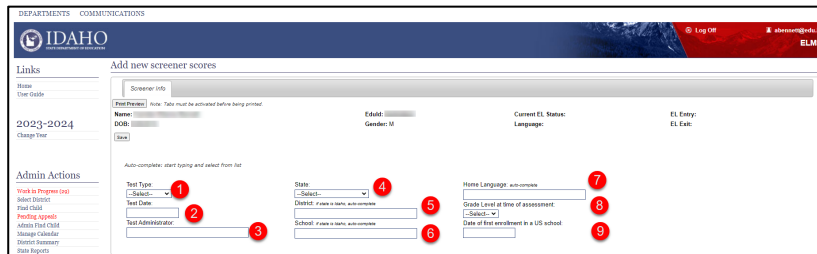
- The English Learner Management System (ELMS) is an ISEE web application that provides district personnel with students' current and historical assessment and EL program details.
- Districts are responsible for entering screener scores into ELMS after any WIDA Screener for KG administration
 - Identify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



WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Reporting Screener Scores

Enter WIDA Screener for Kindergarten 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 for KG – **“WIDA KG”**
 - **Test Date / Test Administrator**
 - **State / District / School**
 - **Home Language / Grade Level / Date of first enrollment in a US school**



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ELMS

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Link to Program (api)

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Find Child

Find Child

Admin Find Child

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Find Child

Add new screener scores

Screener Info

Note: Fields must be activated before being printed

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

DOB: [Text] Gender: M

Test: [Text]

Auto-complete, start typing and select from list

Test Type: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

State: [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

Home Language: [7] [8] [9]

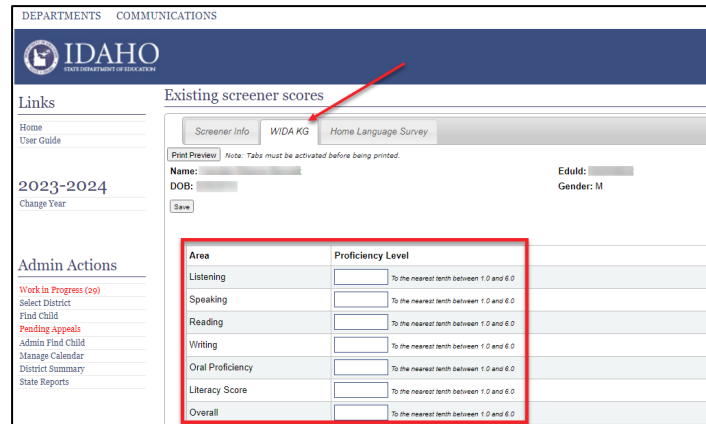
Grade Level: [8] [9]

Date of first enrollment in a US school: [9]

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Reporting Screener Scores

Enter WIDA Screener for Kindergarten language domain and composite proficiency levels under the “WIDA KG” tab

- **1st Semester Kindergarten** – Listening, Speaking, and Oral Proficiency
- **2nd Semester Kindergarten** – Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Oral Proficiency, Literacy Score, Overall
- **1st Semester Grade 1** – Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Oral Proficiency, Literacy Score, Overall



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Work in Progress (29)
Select District
Find Child
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Existing screener scores

Screener Info WIDA KG Home Language Survey

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

Name: Eduld:
DOB: Gender: M

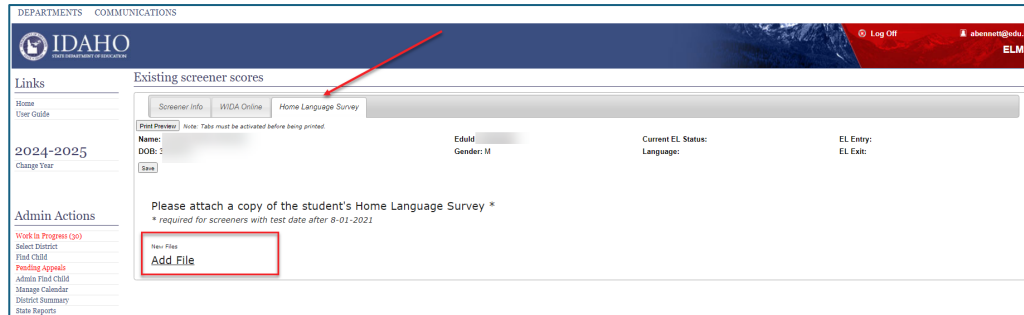
Save

Area	Proficiency Level
Listening	<input type="text"/> To the nearest tenth between 1.0 and 6.0
Speaking	<input type="text"/> To the nearest tenth between 1.0 and 6.0
Reading	<input type="text"/> To the nearest tenth between 1.0 and 6.0
Writing	<input type="text"/> To the nearest tenth between 1.0 and 6.0
Oral Proficiency	<input type="text"/> To the nearest tenth between 1.0 and 6.0
Literacy Score	<input type="text"/> To the nearest tenth between 1.0 and 6.0
Overall	<input type="text"/> To the nearest tenth between 1.0 and 6.0

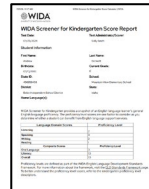
WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Reporting Screener Scores

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 for KG scores occurs once ELMS assigns an EL Status (e.g. L1 or SO)



Place a copy of the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Score Report into the child's cumulative file



Upcoming Events & Opportunities



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

Next ELPA Webinar Series Webinar

WIDA Screener Online / Paper Overview

August 19, 2025: 12:00PM – 1:00PM MT

<https://idahosde.zoom.us/meeting/register/sk2gXyKBQKqYli11lq812w#/registration>



ELPA Webinar: WIDA Screener Online / Paper Overview

Tue Aug 19th 12:00pm – 1:00pm (MDT)

The training webinar gives participants an overview of how to prepare, administer, and conclude administering WIDA Screener Online and WIDA Screener Paper. In addition, the webinar provides time to as ...

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 speak



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