The **WIDA Screener for Kindergarten** is being released on **March 30, 2021**. The new WIDA Screener for Kindergarten will replace the Kindergarten W-APT and will be used to identify provisional ELs enrolling in Kindergarten and Grade 1 first semester starting on **August 1, 2021**. More information about the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten can be found by following this link: https://wida.wisc.edu/about/news/wida-screener-kindergarten-get-ready-use-it-find-out-whats-available-spring.

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Trainings:

The Idaho SDE and WIDA will provide an overview and trainings on how to administer the new WIDA Screener for Kindergarten over the next several months. The training will provide the opportunity for participants to collaboratively strengthen their understanding of how to administer and score the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten.

- April 8, 2021 WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Overview 12-1:30PM MT
- April 22, 2021 WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Overview 12-1:30PM MT
- April 27, 2021 WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Q&A Webinar 12-1:00PM MT
- May 13, 2021 Idaho & WIDA Screener for Kindergarten 12-1:00PM MT
- August 19, 2021 Administering WIDA Screener for Kindergarten 12-1:00PM MT
- September 7, 2021 Administering WIDA Screener for Kindergarten 12-1:00PM MT

WIDA Kindergarten Screener - Training and Certification

With the release of the WIDA Kindergarten Screener on March 30, 2021, comes a brand-new training course housed in Canvas found in the WIDA Secure Portal.

Access the training course*
1. Click on the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten tile in the WIDA Secure Portal
2. Click on the Training Course button

*On March 30, only those with the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten permission will be able to see the tile and Training Course button in the WIDA Secure Portal.

Look up a test administrator's training status in the WIDA Secure Portal

Prior to September 2021, when you use the "Training Status Lookup" tool in the WIDA Secure Portal, you will see a test administrator's completion status on two WIDA Screener for Kindergarten quizzes:

- Oral Language
- Literacy

Beginning in September 2021, these two quizzes will be reported as a single certification for WIDA Screener for Kindergarten. A WIDA Screener for Kindergarten certificate will be granted to those who successfully complete the training course, which includes passing both quizzes. Most test administrators will give the full WIDA Screener for Kindergarten test at some point, so training is complete only when educators pass both quizzes. The Idaho SDE considers it best practice for test administrators to train and certify to administer the full test.

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Screen-Out Criteria:

The Idaho SDE is currently is working on setting the provisional EL screen-out criteria and will post the revised criteria to the ELPA website as soon as it is solidified.