

NH DOE has chosen the ACCESS for ELLs[®] as the state English Language Proficiency test for all students with limited English proficiency (also known as English Language Learners). Under federal education law (Title I and Title III), ALL students who are identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) are required to be assessed each year with this approved assessment. The ACCESS for ELLs English language proficiency test is given every year from early January through the end of February.

"LEP students" are defined as currently enrolled students who have not already reached threshold proficiency scores on the ACCESS test. Please note: the test must also be given to any LEP identified student who is currently eligible but who is not receiving services for ANY reason. There are some very limited exceptions to this participation requirement. For information on these few exceptional cases, contact: Susan Morgan, NHDOE Coordinator of ACCESS for ELLs[®] Assessment.

Teachers who administer the ACCESS must be certified to give the test by taking an on-line training course and passing the certification tests. If you plan to administer the ACCESS test and need information on how to become certified as an ACCESS for ELLs[®] Test Administrator, please e-mail Susan Morgan at smorgan@ed.state.nh.us or call 271-3719.