



New Hampshire Department of Education

The following ELP screeners have been approved by the NH State Board of Education:

Screener Options and Eligibility Determination:

WIDA Assessment	Grade	Required Domains	Scoring Threshold <i>Students with scores @ minimum threshold or higher do not qualify:</i>
Kindergarten Screener	1 st semester Kindergarten	Listening & Speaking	Oral language proficiency score: 4.5 or higher
	2 nd semester Kindergarten	Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing	Composite score: 4.5 or higher <i>(no domain minimum requirements)</i>
	1 st grade		
WIDA Screener (Grades 1-12)	Grades 1-12		

***Note: As of July 1, 2021, the WIDA Kindergarten Screener is the sole state-approved Kindergarten assessment to determine initial EL eligibility.**

Pre-K Screeners:

Districts that provide a Pre-K program must select and use a standardized screening instrument (preLAS, preLAS Observational Tool or Pre-IPT) to assess English proficiency of potential ELs.¹ Districts may not use the current WIDA screeners for this purpose, as they have not been validated for assessing the English proficiency of students younger than 5.

¹ The US DOE and US DOJ [2015 Dear Colleague Letter](#) (pg.18) states, “school districts must provide EL students with equal opportunities to meaningfully participate in all programs and activities of the...district—whether curricular, co-curricular, or extracurricular. [fn omitted] Such programs and activities include pre-kindergarten programs....”