

English Language Proficiency Assessment Using WIDA MODEL™ and Pre-IPT® Oral

Beginning on July 01, 2009 (2009-2010 school year), all school districts in the State of Illinois will be required to use the **WIDA MODEL™ and Pre-IPT® Oral English Language Proficiency Test**, new screeners for ELLs, to determine students' English language proficiency and identify students eligible to receive ELL services.

The **WIDA MODEL™** must be administered to children **entering Kindergarten** and the **first semester of Grade 1**. Children entering Kindergarten will only take the Listening and Speaking components of the assessment instrument. In the State of Illinois, students enrolling in the second semester of the Kindergarten year, or entering Grade 1 must take all four domains of the MODEL: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. If a child enrolls during the second semester of the Grade 1 year, then the W-APT Screener must be used.

Students, age 3 and 4, **entering Pre-K** will be screened using the **Pre-IPT® Oral English Language Proficiency Test**. Three year old children scoring below Level D (A, B, or C) are considered limited English proficient and are eligible for language support services. Four year old children scoring below level E (A, B, C, D) are considered limited English proficient and are eligible for language support services

Teachers and other appropriately certified district staff members administering the **WIDA MODEL™** including those who had been administering the W-APT until now, must be re-certified prior to administering this test. (Many teachers have already been re-certified as this was a requirement for those who administered the 2009 ACCESS for ELLs® to Kindergarteners.) Online certification information is available on the WIDA website at <http://wida.wceruw.org>.

If you have any further questions about WIDA MODEL™, or Pre-IPT® Oral English Language Proficiency Test, you may contact DELL at (312) 814-3850.

CHART for DETERMINING PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

GRADE	DOMAINS ASSESSED				ELL Program Eligibility Determination
	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing	
Pre-K Age 3 (IPT)	X	X			Score at Level A, B, or C (any level below Level D)
Pre-K Age 4 (IPT)	X	X			Score at Level A, B, C, or D (any level below Level E)
Kindergarten (1st Semester) (MODEL)	X	X			If either the Listening or Speaking proficiency level is below 4.0 the student is eligible for services.
Kindergarten (2 nd Semester) First Grade (1 st Semester) (MODEL)	X	X	X	X	If the overall composite level is below 4.0, the student is eligible for ELL services.