Identification of Potential English Learners and Exit Criteria

Multilingual/Language Development Department

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Welcome and Announcements

- We are so happy to be here with you today and are excited to share a lot of information!
- Introductions: Who are your presenters today?



Multilingual Directory/Assigned Principal Consultants

- Assigned Consultant Listing
 - O NEW AND IMPROVED!
 - Simply type in your district to find your assigned principal consultant.





Federal Legislation and Landmark Cases



Federal Requirements

Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

 Prohibits denial of equal access to education because of language minority students' limited proficiency in English.

Title VII of the ESEA of 1968: The Bilingual Education Act

 The first federal legislation to recognize the unique needs of English learners and the need for specialized instruction. It established federal funding for the training of bilingual teachers and bilingual programs.

Equal Educational Opportunity Act of 1974

 Defines denial of equal educational opportunity as "failure by an educational agency to take appropriate action to overcome language barriers that impede equal participation by students in an instructional program."

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1975

- Provides for free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation.
- Ensures special education and related services to those children

English learners (ELs) must be able to participate effectively in all programs and content areas.



Landmark Cases

Lau v. Nichols, 414 U.S. 563 (U.S. Supreme Court, 1974)

 Districts must take affirmative steps to overcome educational barriers faced by the non-English speaking students in a district.

<u>Castañeda v. Pickard</u> (648 F.2d 989, U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 1981)

- Program for ELs should be:
 - Theory: Based on "a sound educational theory";
 - Practice: "Reasonably calculated to implement effectively the educational theory adopted by the school," with adequate resources and personnel; and
 - Results: Evaluated as effective in overcoming language barriers after a trial period.

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202, 102 S. Ct. 2382, 72 L. Ed. 2d 786 (1982)

• The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that undocumented children have the same right as U.S. citizens and permanent residents to receive a free public education.



Agenda

- Timely Identification
- Effective Administration of Home Language Survey
- Screening Potential English Learners
- Notification of Services to Parents
- Annual English Language Development Assessment
- Exit Criteria for Reclassification
- IWAS/Student Information System Review
- Resources



Timely Identification



Steps to Screening Potential English Learners

- Districts shall administer a Home Language Survey (HLS) for <u>EVERY</u> student enrolling in a public school.
- Districts shall check a student's file for original HLS and student data in SIS for previous screening/ACCESS results, if applicable.



Illinois Example Home Language Survey

The state requires the district to collect a Home Language Survey for every new student. This information is used to count the students whose families speak a language other than English at home. It also helps to identify the students who need to be assessed for English language proficiency. Please answer the questions below and return this survey to your child's school.

Student name:	
1. Is a language other than English spoken in your home? Yes No	
What language?	
2. Does your child speak a language other than English? Yes No	
What language?	
If the answer to either question is yes, the law requires the school to assess you English language proficiency.	r child's
Parent/Guardian Signature Date	INOIC
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Effective Administration of the Home Language Survey



Home Language Survey Process – Part 1

The HLS is completed by the parent/guardian of the student in a language they understand.

Answer to one or both questions on the HLS is YES. Student is a potential EL.

Look in the student's file and/or in SIS to see if the student has been previously screened/tested or has an EL record.

If the student is already identified as EL (excluding kindergarten) or has screening/ACCESS scores within the last school year, do not screen.

If the student is not already identified as EL, screen the student.



Home Language Survey Process – Part 2

The HLS is completed by the parent/guardian of the student in a language they understand.

Answer to both questions on the HLS is NO. Student may still be a potential EL.

Look in the student's file and/or in SIS to see if the student has been previously screened/tested or has an EL record.

If the original HLS has a language other than English and there are no screening/ACCESS scores within the last year, screen the student.

If the HLS is the original or matches the original, do not screen the student.



ELP Screening Exceptions

ACCESS for ELLs results for the previous school year are available. Screening results from within the last 12 months are available.

Exceptions

Student previously demonstrated proficiency on screener or ACCESS for ELLs.

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ELP Screening Exception: Ill. Admin. Code 228 Section 228.15 (e)(1) (C)

All criteria must be TRUE

For students eligible to participate in statewide assessments

- Resides in home where a language other than English is spoken, AND
- The student was not identified as an English learner in the previous district,
 AND
- The student did not receive EL services in the last school year, AND
- The student has met state standards in reading and math on the most recent state assessment or on a nationally normed assessment.

Screening Potential English Learners



Preschool English Proficiency Screening

- □ **ISBE lists vendors** of established screening instruments for assessing English language proficiency (ELP) in preschool for children ages 3 to 5 on the <u>ISBE Multilingual Identification</u> webpage.
- Other preschool screening procedures for ELP:
 - Consult family on child's English language experience.
 - □ Be **culturally and linguistically** appropriate.
 - □ Be **age and developmentally** appropriate.
 - □ Be research-based.
 - Include multiple observations.
 - Use multiple measures and methods.
 - Be conducted by qualified staff with background in preschool education and second-language acquisition.

41 WIDA Member States, Three Territories, and Two Federal Agencies



K-12 English Proficiency Screening

Grade	Required Screening	Domains Included	Minimum Score for English Proficiency
Kindergarten semester 1	WIDA Screener for Kindergarten	ListeningSpeaking	5.0 oral composite
Kindergarten semester 2; Grade 1 semester 1	WIDA Screener for Kindergarten	ListeningSpeakingReadingWriting	5.0 overall
Grade 1 semester 2 – 12th grade	WIDA Screener	ListeningSpeakingReadingWriting	composite

Determining Which Screener to Administer

Grade	1	l	2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
Semester	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Grade-Cluster Form	K	1			2	-3		4-5				6-8						9-12						

Source: WIDA, Online Test Administration Manual



Certified Test Administrators

- Licensed instructional or non-instructional personnel:
 - Must hold a Professional Educator License or Educator License with Stipulations (e.g., transitional bilingual educator).
- Must complete required training from:
 - Vendors' online training.
 - WIDA Screener and/or ACCESS modules.
- District test coordinators may create WIDA and Data Recognition Corp. (DRC) accounts or contact ISBE for first-time coordinators.



After the ELP Screening

Student does not meet English language proficiency (ELP) criteria on screener.



Student qualifies for English learner services/program.



District sends letter to parent/guardian notifying of placement and services offered.

If a student meets ELP criteria on the screener, EL services/program are not required. The parents should be informed of the screening results.



Notification of Services to Parents



Placement Notification

- Letter in English and the student's home language.
- Sent within 30 days of beginning of the school year or within 14 days after enrollment in the program.
- Explain how the EL program will support the student.
- Notification of the right to withdraw student from the program or choose different EL services, if offered.

Annual Testing



ACCESS Testing



ACCESS for ELLs Online

ACCESS Online is a computerbased, adaptive test that responds to student performance and may be administered in group or individual settings. This assessment is given annually to students in grades 1-12.

ACCESS Online



ACCESS for ELLs Paper

ACCESS Paper is a paper-based, semi-adaptive test that may be administered in group or individual settings. This assessment is given annually to students in grades 1-12.

ACCESS Paper



Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs

Kindergarten ACCESS is a paperbased test individually administered to kindergarten students in a gamelike, interactive format. This assessment is given annually.

Kindergarten ACCESS



WIDA Alternate ACCESS

Alternate ACCESS is a large-print, paper-based test individually administered to students in grades 1-12 who are identified as English learners (ELs) with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

Alternate ACCESS



Exit Criteria



ACCESS Exit Criteria for Reclassification

- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Minimum composite proficiency score for reclassification is 4.8.
- Student's EL information will be automatically updated in the Student Information System (SIS) to last one year.
- Student will be a "Former EL" in SIS report.

Note: Local districts must update their student management platform to reflect the student is no longer EL. If not, student could roll back into EL the next year because the EL indicator was not switched to EL=NO.

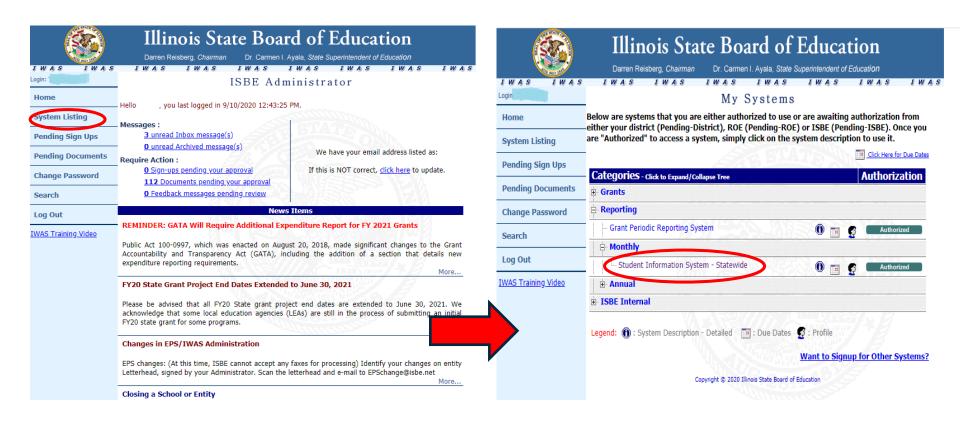


Exit Prior to 3 Years in EL Program

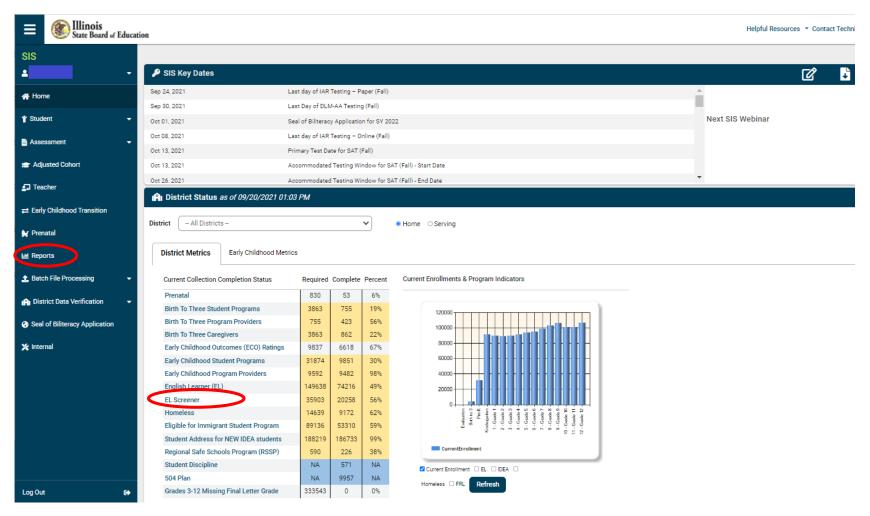
- Student achieves score of 4.8 or higher on ACCESS after less than three years in EL program.
- Must have parent notification indicating the right of student to complete three years of support.
- Passive parent permission (no signature required), to agree with the district's choice of placement.
 - If the parent disagrees with the placement, they can contact the school/district.
- If student remains in program, they receive services but are not EL nor included in the EL count for funding.

IWAS

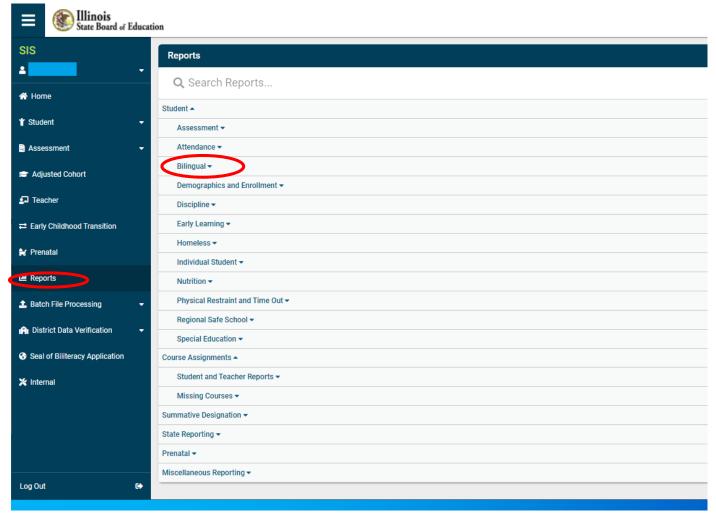




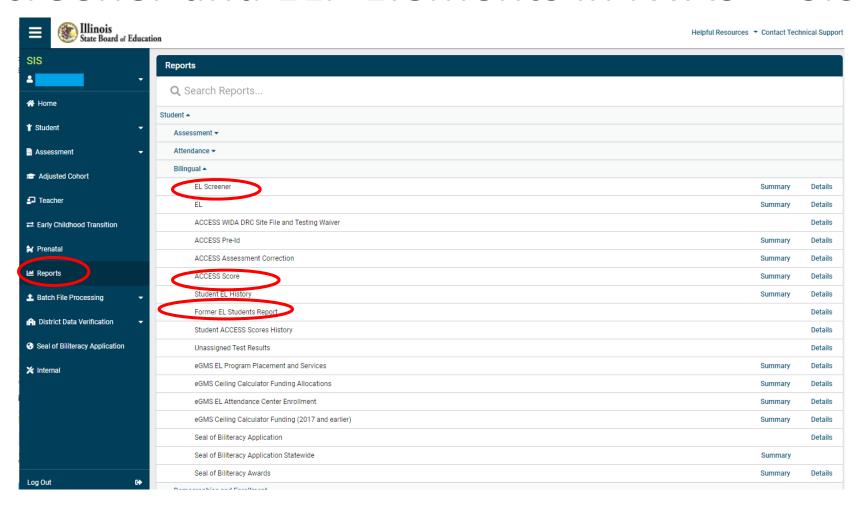




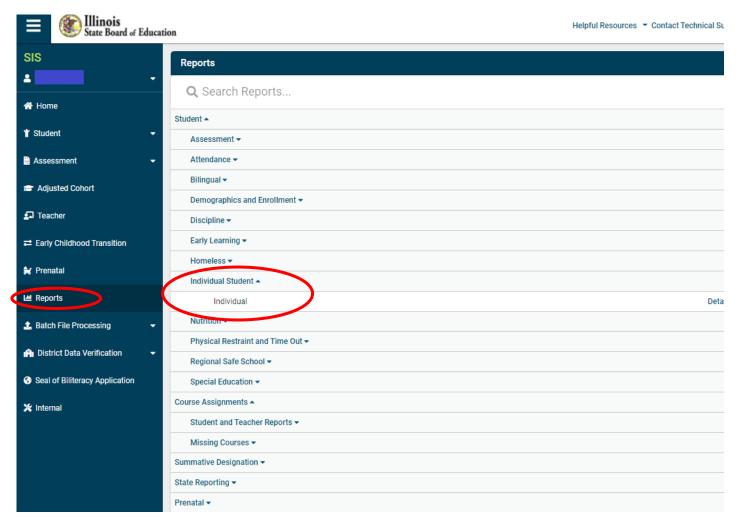




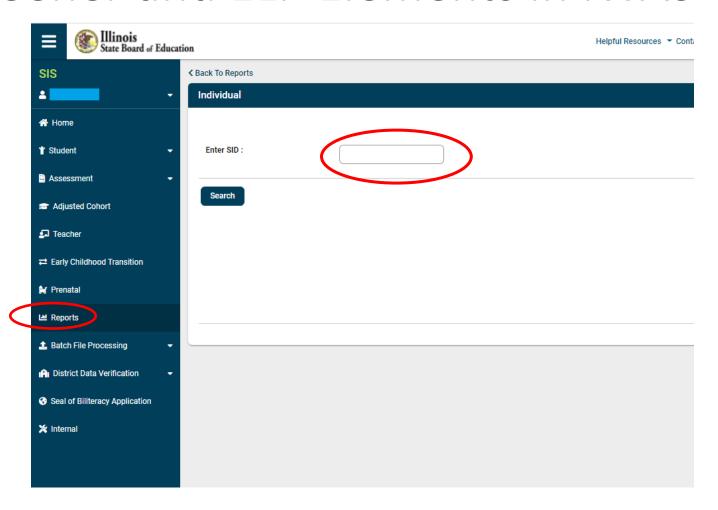














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Student Assessment Data and Scores Report

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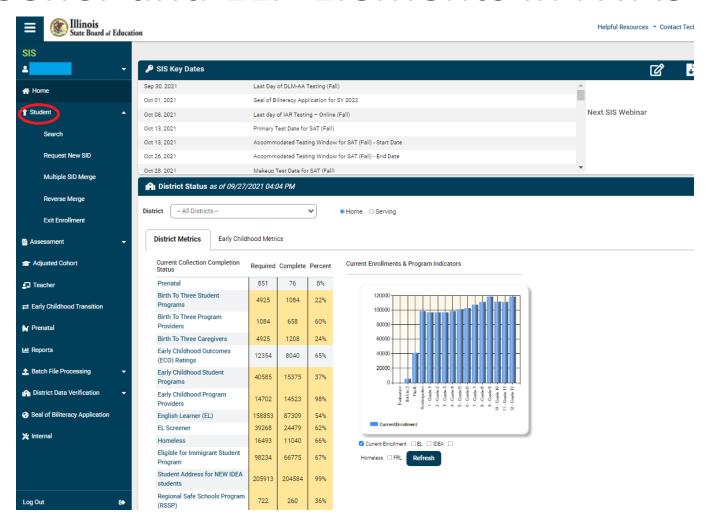
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English Learners

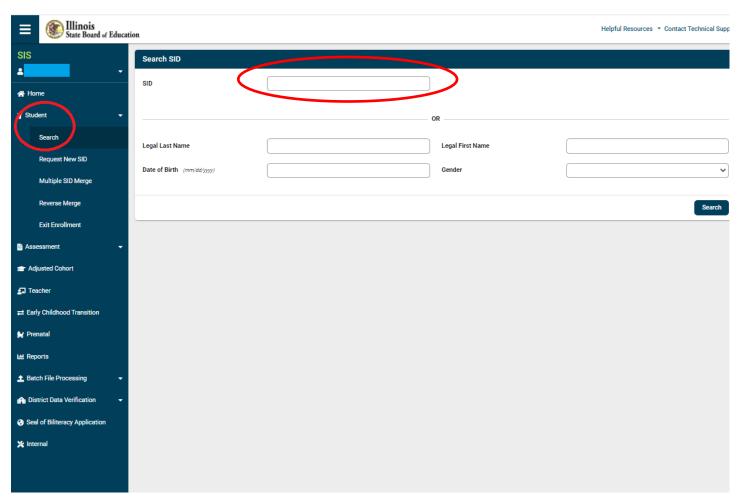
Grade Level:	9	Content Area Tutoring:
Date First Enrolled in District/LEA:	02/24/2020	Developmental Bilingual Education:
New Arrival to U.S.:	N	Dual Language & Two Way Immersion:
EL Placement - Entry Status:	13	Heritage Language:
Native Language Code:	001	Sheltered English Instruction:
Race Code:	11	Transitional Bilingual:
Migrant Indicator:	N	Content Based ESL:
Special Education IEP Indicator:	Y	Structured English Immersion or SDAIE:
Date Enrolled or Re-entered to Receive EL Services:	02/24/2020	Pull-Out ESL:
Class Periods Provided Per Week:	02	Inclusionary Support:
Title III Status:		Pull-Out for Individual Support:
Immigrant Education Program:		Self-Contained:
504 Accommodation Indicator:		

ACCESS Testing					
Tier:	C	Listening Proficiency Level:	3.9		
Listening Scale Score:	382	Speaking Proficiency Level:	3.5		
Speaking Scale Scoree:	362	Reading Proficiency Level:	2.9		
Reading Scale Score:	369	Writing Proficiency Level:	3.4		
Writing Scale Score:	346	Comprehension Proficiency Level:	3.3		
Comprehensive (Overall) ScaleScore:	373	Oral Proficiency Level:	3.7		
Oral Scale Score:	372	Literacy Proficiency Level:	3.3		
Literacy Scale Score:	358	Composite (Overall) Proficiency Level:	3.4		
Composite Scale Score:	362				

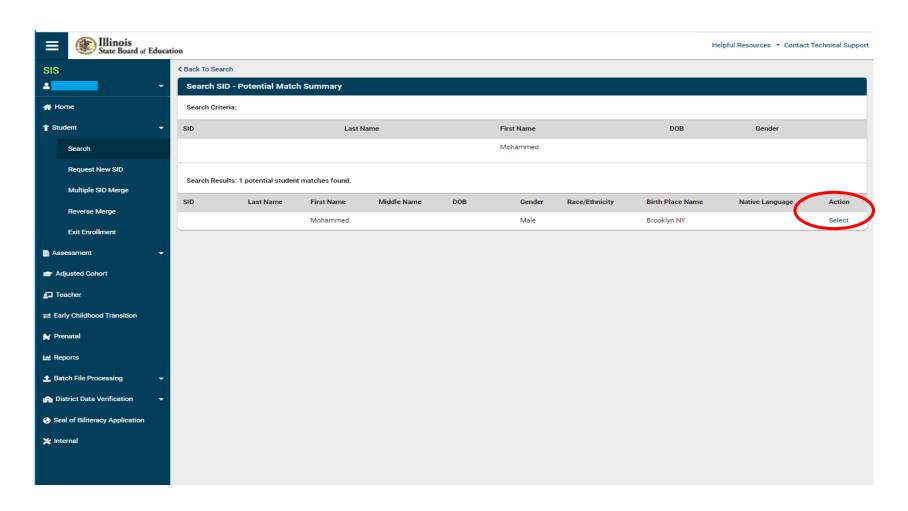




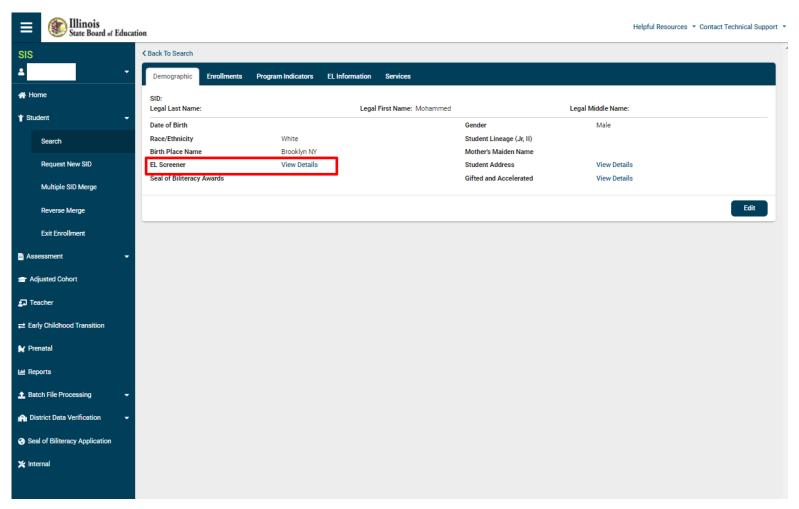




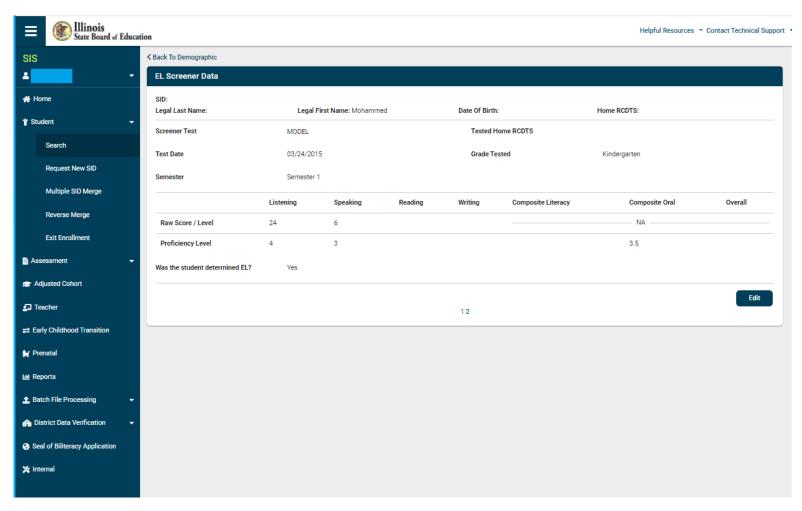










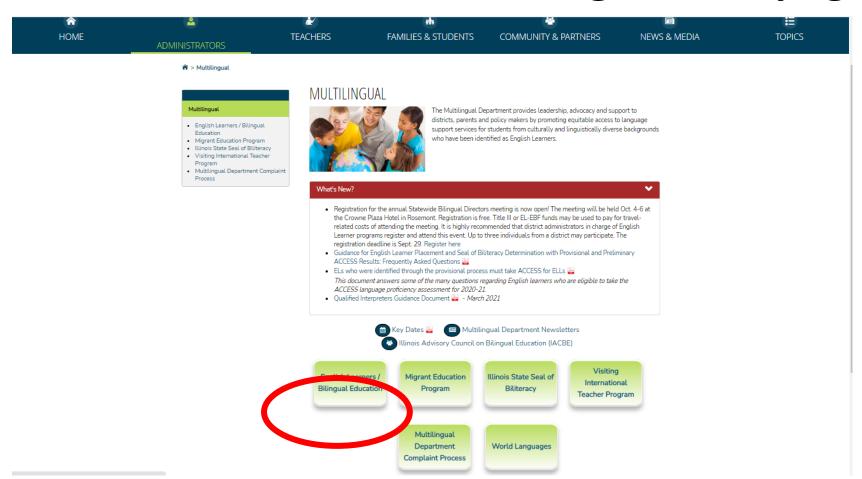




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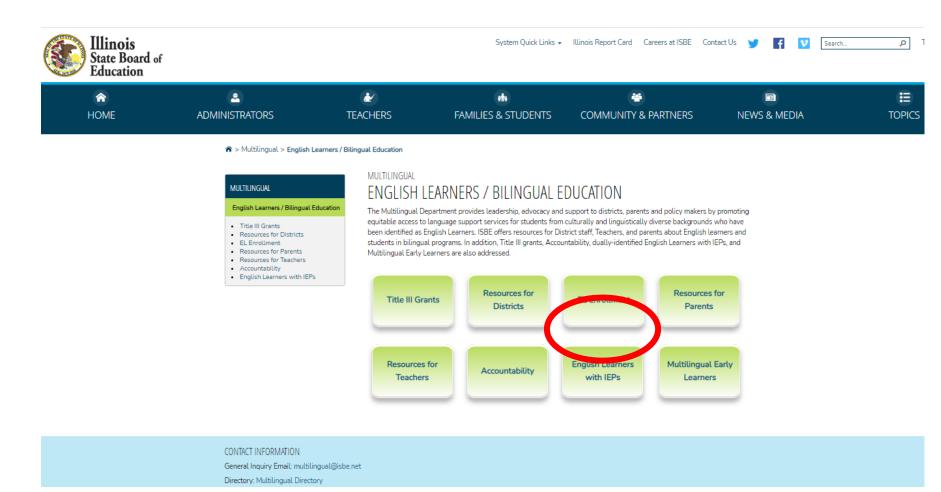


Screener Guidance at Multilingual Webpage



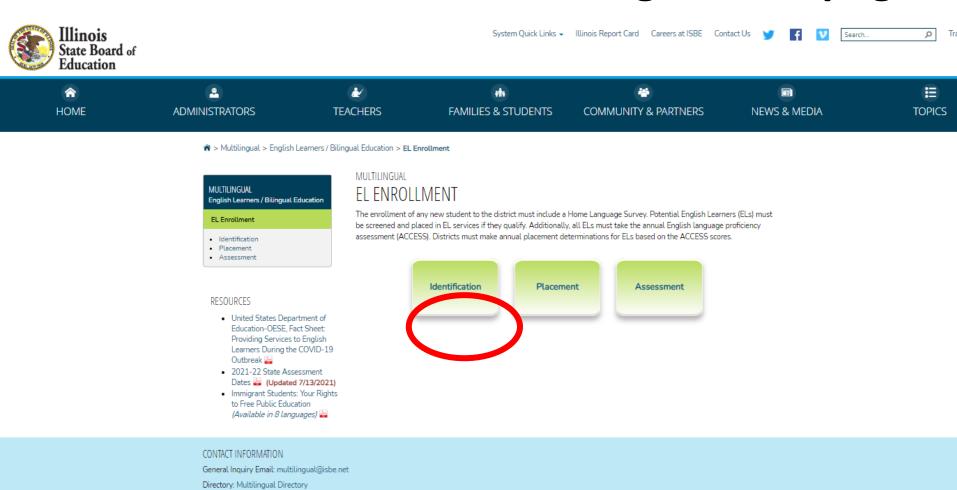


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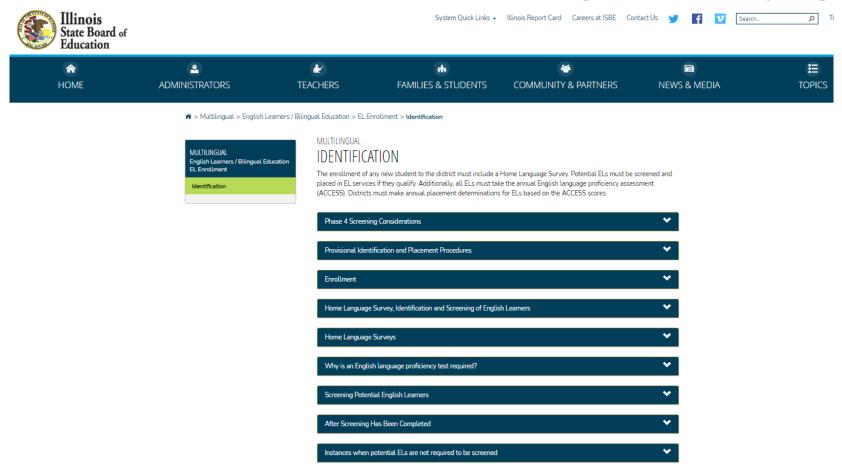


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Fall 2024

- Students who achieved a 4.8 composite or higher have their English learner status changed to "No" in SIS based on 2024 results.
 - District must change those students who reclassified to "No" in their local student management system.
- November 1 is when districts need to have enrolled students screened to be captured in the Pre-ID file.
- ACCESS test ordering window is from October 10 to November 6.



Reminders

- The K MODEL for screening kindergarten students was retired after the 2022-23 school year. The <u>WIDA Screener</u> for <u>Kindergarten</u> is the prescribed ELP screener for Illinois.
- Communicate with parents to inform them that they cannot refuse screening to ID for EL.
- Communicate to parents that they cannot refuse administration of the ACCESS for ELLs.



Reminders

- <u>The 2020 English Language Development Framework</u> is our current resource for ELD standards.
- The two questions asking about home language presence and use are not to be altered.
- The NEW <u>Alternate ACCESS</u> was be implemented FY 2024 for ACCESS testing.
 - Score reports will be delayed due to standard/score setting.
 Tentative release of scores in September.
- WIDA Alternate Screener
 - Coming in 2025-26.
 - Participate in the validation study.
- Redesigned Kindergarten ACCESS
 - Coming in 2025-26.
 - Participate in the field test.



Questions?

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