



# Title III/ESOL Update

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# 2023-2024 Webinar Schedule

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- September 12
- October 10
- November 7
- January 9
- February 13
- April 9
- May 14

Webinars will begin at 9:05 a.m.

Register @ [www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org)

Any links referenced during the webinar will be included, along with the Zoom link.

Updates will be recorded and available on the TASN website.

# Agenda

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- Approved Screeners
- KELPA Pre-Screener Option
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment
- KELPA Screener Kindergarten Alignment Study Fall 2023
- Additional Training Opportunities
- Reminders

# Approved Screeners

Preschool and K-12 students



# Approved Screeners

- Preschool Students

- Pre-IPT or Pre-LAS
  - Not available through KSDE
  - Many programs not only screen to determine eligibility of services, but at the end of the school year to monitor progress.
  - If the screener is administered to a **preschool** student in the spring, the student would NOT need to complete the KELPA screener upon entering kindergarten to remain eligible for services.

- K-12 Students

- KELPA Screener-only approved K-12 screener in Kansas
  - ksassessments.org
  - KELPA Screener Manual
  - Foreign exchange students-Immigrant by state and federal definition.
  - If student wants to receive services, administer KELPA screener.



# Screener Timeline & Next Steps

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- If a student is enrolled on the first day of school, the screener must be administered during the first 30 days.
- If a student is enrolled after the first day of school, the screener must be administered within two weeks.
- Complete parent notification if a student is not proficient.
- Complete Individual Learning Plan (ILP).
- Complete the steps throughout the school year as students enroll.



# Next Steps Continued

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- The ESL contact time calculator link is included in the Program Guidance 2023-2024 document.
- Also available on the KSDE Fiscal Auditing Page
  - Calculators
    - ESL Contact Time Calculator 23-24
    - Please read the “Important Info” Tab
      - The tab includes instructions for ESL Calculator and other important information
        - ESL Calculator – 1 week; used when services are the same each week
        - ESL Calculator – 2 week; used when services are on a rotating schedule

# KELPA Pre-Screener Survey

Preschool and K-12 students



# When do I use the pre-screener?

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- This only applies to students who have recently arrived in the United States for the first time.
- PK-12 students.
- “Submit for Screener” indicates the student should be further evaluated with the Screener. “Bypass Screener” indicates the student would not pass the Screener and qualifies for ESOL.
- [https://ksassessments.org/sites/default/files/documents/KELPA/KELPA\\_Screener\\_Manual.pdf](https://ksassessments.org/sites/default/files/documents/KELPA/KELPA_Screener_Manual.pdf)
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# WIDA Alternate ACCESS English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment

New beginning 2023-2024



# WIDA Alternate ACCESS ELP for Students with a Most Significant Cognitive Disability



Student has a home language survey indicating language other than English and DLM eligible



Will take place January 29-March 8, 2024 for students in Kdg-12th grade



Paper format, not computer based



Students must have a most significant cognitive disability, most significant deficits in adaptive behavior, and are an English Language learner



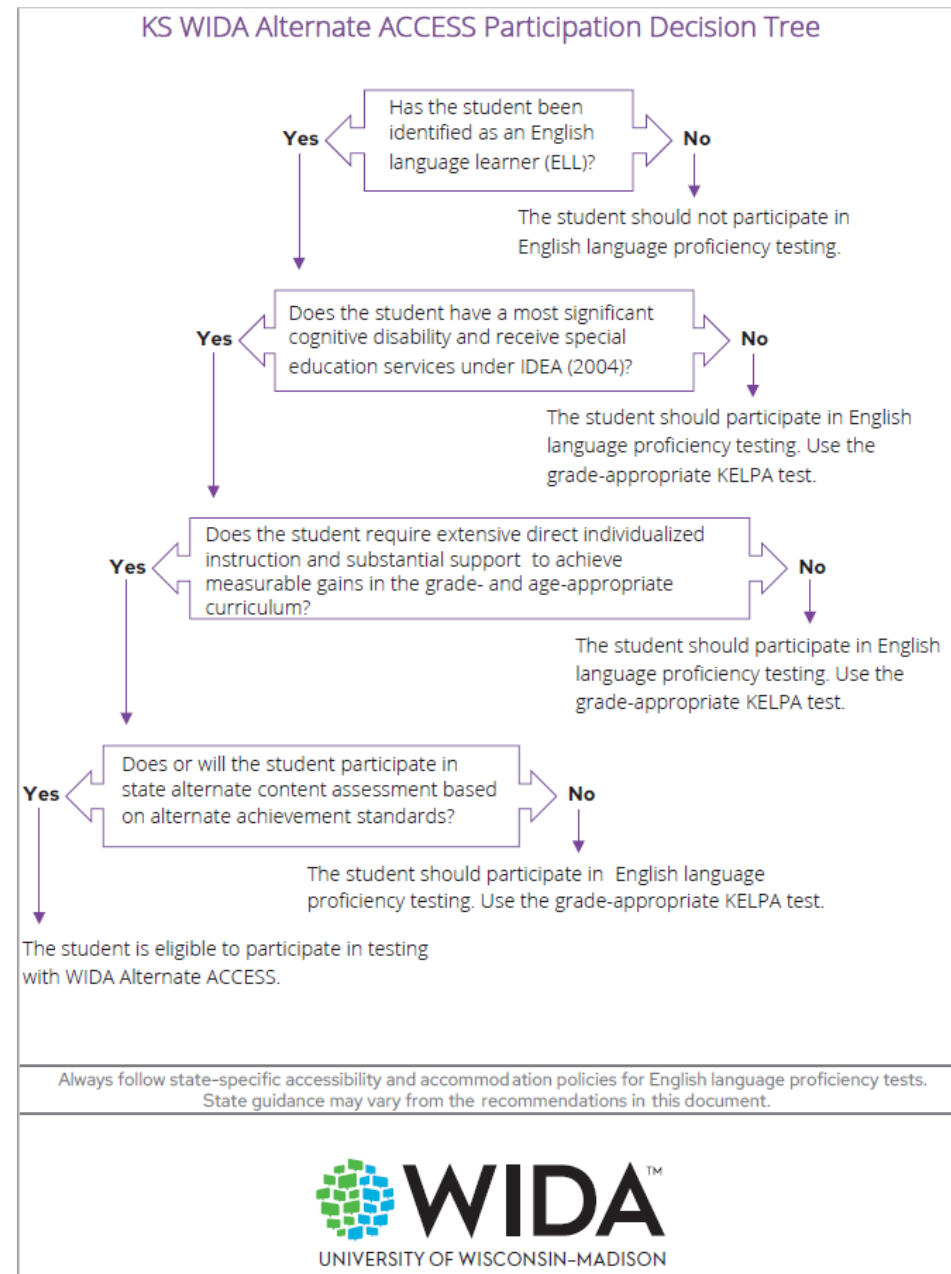
Use the same criteria as DLM and the alt early literacy screener to identify which students need the Alt ACCESS



Tests students' English Proficiency in the four domains: listening, reading, speaking, and writing



# KS WIDA Alternate ACCESS Participation Decision Tree



# When is the test window?

- The Alternate Access assessment window is the same as the KELPA window
  - January 29<sup>th</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>
- For English Learners with a most significant cognitive disability



# Is training required for test administration?

- Yes!
- Test administration training is required every year.
- There are 4 modules to complete and one quiz that must be passed.
- Approximately one hour to complete.





# When will scores be available?

- Scores won't be available until early October due to standards setting.
- Once standards are set, scores will be available in April each year.



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# KELPA Screener Kindergarten Alignment Study

Fall 2023



# KELPA Screener Kindergarten Alignment Study



- Call for districts to assist researchers in ensuring that cut-points for kindergarten students are accurate.
  - We need districts to administer the KELPA screener this fall to both English Learner and non-English Learner kindergarteners.
  - Participation is voluntary. **Deadline to participate is October 13<sup>th</sup>.**
  - Register native English kindergarteners for the screener using the same registration process **and add ENG** at the end of the local student identifier of native English Kindergarteners.
- If you are interested in participating, please contact Julie Ewing ([jewing@ksde.org](mailto:jewing@ksde.org)).

# Additional Training Opportunities



# Webinar

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- DTC Virtual Training Webinar
  - Kansas District Test Coordinators (DTCs), Building Test Coordinators (BTCs), and Technology Coordinators are invited to join monthly training webinars.
  - Training today, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m.
  - Topics: Accommodations for summative assessments next spring, KITE Help Desk updates, ACT and DLM reminders.
  - [DTC Virtual Training | Kansas Assessment Program \(ksassessments.org\)](#)
  - Educators > KELPA > View Resources > Training Tab
  - <https://ksassessments.org/dtc-virtual-training>

# Book Study in Progress

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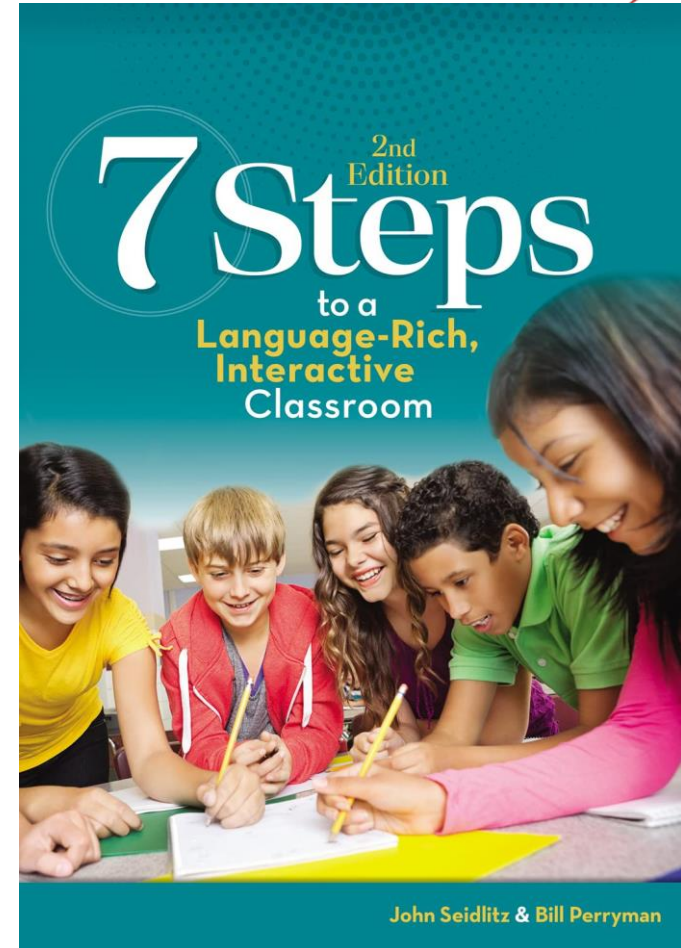


- ELT Basics: A Beginner's Guide to English Language Teaching
- A four-week book study to assist ESOL teachers and general education teachers in understanding language acquisition; planning, teaching, and assessing English language lessons; and using evidence-based skills and activities.
- September 26, October 3, 10, & 17 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Graduate credit is available.
- Facilitated by Joann McRell ([jmcrell@ksde.org](mailto:jmcrell@ksde.org)). Please contact Joann for more information.

# Upcoming Opportunities



- *7 Steps to a Language-Rich, Interactive Classroom, Second Edition* by John Seidlitz and Bill Berryman.
- Tentative date to begin: January 2, 2024.
- Watch the ESOL listserv for details.





# Resources

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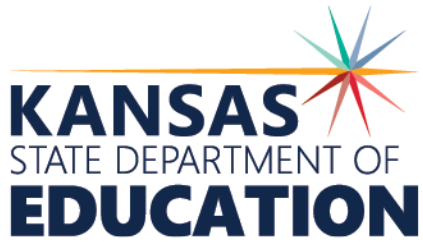
- The Newcomer Toolkit
- The English Learner Toolkit
- Both document links can be found under resources on the TASN website under the October 10<sup>th</sup> Title III/ESOL Update.

# Reminders

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- Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - Use the time to connect with families and build a positive rapport.
  - Availability of translated materials and an interpreter.
- The next webinar date is November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please register @ [www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org)



**Thank you for attending!  
Thank you for the work you do to  
support students and families in  
Kansas!**



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