

New English-Proiciency Tests for ELLs

Most states met a U.S. Department of Education deadline to implement new tests on English skills by this spring.

| | First Implemented | Name of the Test | Test Developer |
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| Alabama | Spring 2005 | Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State for English-Language Learners | Center for Applied Linguistics, under contract with WIDA ¹ |
| Alaska | Spring 2006 | IDEA Proficiency Test ² | Ballard & Tighe, Publishers |
| Arizona | August 2004 | Stanford English Language Proficiency Test | Harcourt Assessment Inc. (augmented test in the works) |
| Arkansas | Not yet implemented | (Now uses Maculaitus Assessment of Competencies II) | Plans to soon put out a request for proposals |
| California | Fall 2001 | California English Language Development Test | CTB/McGraw Hill, under contract with the California Department of Education |
| Colorado | Spring 2006 | Colorado English Language Assessment | CTB/McGraw Hill |
| Connecticut | Winter and spring 2006 | LAS Links | CTB/McGraw Hill |
| Delaware | Spring 2006 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| District of Columbia | Spring 2006 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| Florida | Not yet implemented | Comprehensive English Language Learning Assess. | ETS, under contract with AccountabilityWorks |
| Georgia | Spring 2006 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| Hawaii | Spring 2006 | LAS Links | CTB/McGraw Hill |
| Idaho | Spring 2006 | Idaho English Language Assessment | Touchstone Applied Science Associates Inc. |
| Illinois | Spring 2006 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| Indiana | February-April 2006 | LAS Links | CTB/McGraw Hill |
| Iowa | Spring 2006 | English Language Development Assessment | Measurement Inc./Institutes for Research, under contract with CCSSO ³ |
| Kansas | Spring 2006 | Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment | University of Kansas |
| Kentucky | Not yet implemented | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| Louisiana | Spring 2005, grades 3-12 Spring 2006, added K-2 | English Language Development Assessment | Measurement Inc./Institutes for Research with CCSSO |
| Maine | Spring 2005 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| Maryland | Spring 2006 | LAS Links | Still finalizing statewide contract with CTB/McGraw Hill |
| Massachusetts | Spring 2004 | Mass. English Proficiency Assessment-Reading/Writing Mass. English Proficiency Assessment-Oral | Measured Progress |
| Michigan | Spring 2006 | English Language Proficiency Assessment | Mountain West Assessment Consortium and Harcourt Assessment Inc. |
| Minnesota | Fall 2001 | Test of Emerging Academic English/ Minnesota Student Oral Language Observation Matrix | Metritech |
| Mississippi | 2003-2004 school year | Stanford English Language Proficiency Test | Harcourt Assessment Inc. |
| Missouri | February 2002 | Maculaitus Assessment of Competencies II | Touchstone Applied Science Associates Inc. |
| Montana | Not yet implemented | (Now uses the IPT, LAS, Woodcock-Muñoz) | Plans to soon put out a request for proposals |
| Nebraska | Spring 2005, grades 3-12 Spring 2006, added K-12 | English Language Development Assessment | Measurement Inc./Institutes for Research with CCSSO |
| Nevada | 2005-2006 school year | LAS Links | CTB/McGraw Hill |
| New Hampshire | Spring 2006 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| New Jersey | Spring 2006 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| New Mexico | Spring 2006 | New Mexico English Language Assessment | Mountain West Assessment Consortium and Harcourt Assessment Inc. |
| New York | May 2003 | New York State ESL Achievement Test | Harcourt Assessment Inc. and New York State Education Department (Initially ETS and the department) |
| North Carolina | Spring 2006 | IDEA Proficiency Test | Ballard & Tighe, Publishers |
| North Dakota | Not yet implemented | (Now uses LAS and Woodcock-Muñoz) | Plans to join WIDA |
| Ohio | Spring 2006, grades 3-12 | Ohio Test of Language Acquisition (shortened version of English Language Development Assessment) | Measurement Inc./Institutes for Research with CCSSO |
| Oklahoma | Spring 2006 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| Oregon | Spring 2006 | English Language Proficiency Assessment | Language Learning Solutions |
| Pennsylvania | Spring 2003 | Stanford English Language Proficiency Test | Harcourt Assessment Inc. |
| Rhode Island | Spring 2006 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| South Carolina | Spring 2005, grades 3-12 Spring 2006, added K-2 | English Language Development Assessment | Measurement Inc./Institutes for Research with CCSSO |
| South Dakota | Spring 2005 | Dakota English Language Proficiency Test | Harcourt Assessment Inc. |
| Tennessee | Spring 2005 | Comprehensive English Language Learning Assess. | ETS, under contract with AccountabilityWorks |
| Texas | 2004-2005 school year | Texas English Language Proficiency Assess. System | Pearson Educational Measurement |
| Utah | Not yet implemented | Utah Academic Language Assessment | Mountain West Assess. Consortium/Measured Progress |
| Vermont | Spring 2005 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| Virginia | 2003-2004 school year | Stanford English Language Proficiency Test | Harcourt Assessment, Inc. |
| Washington | Spring 2006 | Washington Language Proficiency Test II | Harcourt Assessment Inc. |
| West Virginia | Spring 2005, grades 3-12 Spring 2006, added K-2 | West Virginia Test of English Language Learning | Measurement Inc./Institutes for Research with CCSSO |
| Wisconsin | Spring 2006 | ACCESS for ELLs | CAL, under contract with WIDA |
| Wyoming | Spring 2006 | Wyoming English Language Learners Assessment | Harcourt Assessment Inc. |

1 The World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment consortium
2 IDEA once stood for Individual Developmental English Activities
3 The Council of Chief State School Officers, which led a consortium

NOTE: States with dark shading adopted one of the tests developed by any of four consortia financed by the U.S. Department of Education

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