

MEMORANDUM

TO: Corporation Test Coordinators
English Learner Administrators

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RE: 2018-2019 Assessment Administration Flexibility for Recently Arrived English Learners

Prior to the 2017-18 school year, recently arrived English learner students were exempt from the English/language arts ISTEP+ assessment during their first 12 months enrolled in US schools. The implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) resulted in changes to the testing requirements for this subset of English learner students.

Beginning with the ISTEP+ assessment administered during the spring of 2018, all schools and corporations were required to administer all content areas of ISTEP+ to recently arrived English learners. For spring 2018, recently arrived English learners are not exempt from the administration of the English/language arts ILEARN assessment.

A recently arrived English learner for the 2018-2019 school year is a student who:

- initially enrolled in US schools¹ after April 20, 2018 or has been enrolled in US schools for less than 12 cumulative months; and
- demonstrated limited English proficiency (LEP) based on the WIDA Screener or WIDAACCESS 2.0 assessment.

All recently arrived English learner students should be reported on the LEP-ISTEP collection which will open in May 2019.

The following table demonstrates how recently arrived English learner students will be included for accountability purposes:

Accountable Year²	English/Language Arts	Mathematics
Year 1 (2018-2019)	Participation Only	Participation & Performance
Year 2 (2019-2020)	Participation & Growth	Participation, Performance, & Growth
Year 3 (2020-2021)	Participation, Performance, & Growth	Participation, Performance, & Growth

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¹ US Schools includes only schools in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Students coming from Puerto Rico, outlying areas, or the freely associated states may be eligible for Federal Flexibility if they meet the above criteria, although they are not immigrant students.

² Years in parenthesis are to provide an example of a student who is a Recently-Arrived English Learner in 2018-2019.