



Update to New York State's English Language Proficiency Assessment

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New York is Joining WIDA!

What is WIDA?

What does WIDA
provide?

- New York joins a consortium of 41 states, territories, and education agencies that make up the WIDA Consortium.
- Membership in the WIDA Consortium enables collaboration with state and national experts for enhanced solutions.



WIDA Assessments

Annual assessment for English language proficiency:

- WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten
- WIDA ACCESS (1-12)
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS (K-12)
- WIDA ACCESS Braille (1-12)

First administration: Spring 2027

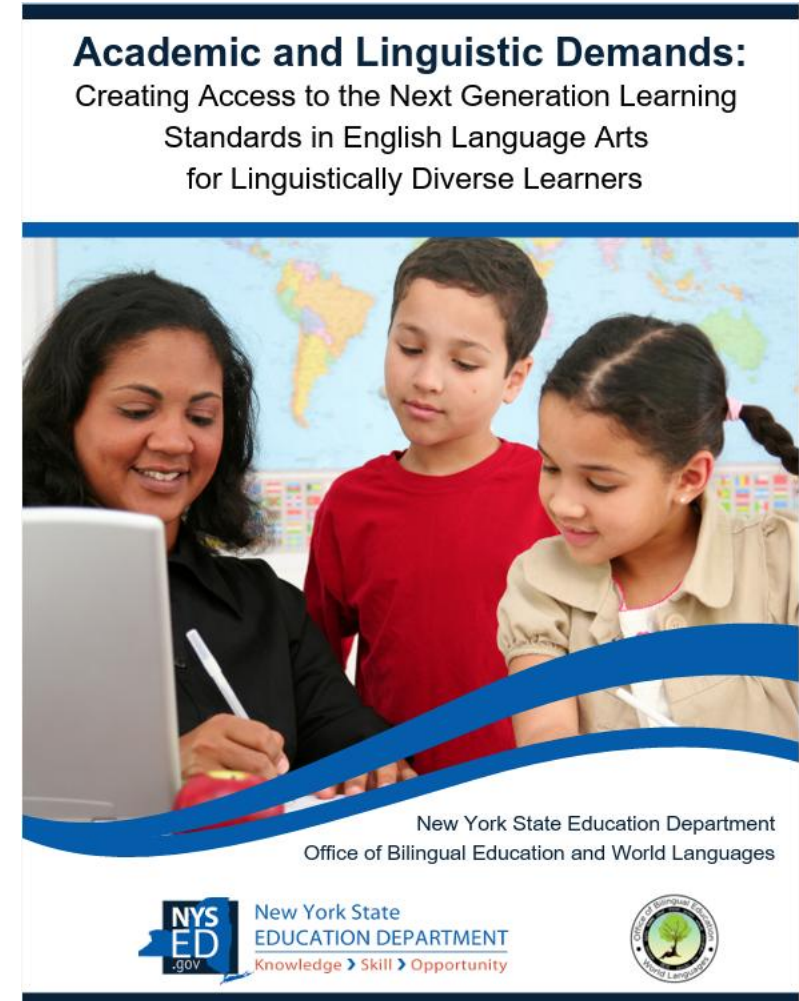
Screening for English language needs:

- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten
- WIDA Screener (1-12)
- WIDA Alternate Screener (K-12)

First administration: Fall 2027

Instructional Practices

- WIDA Assessments measure the linguistic demands of the academic content standards.
- The NYS Academic and Linguistic Demands are designed to help educators provide integrated language and content instruction that supports language development.
- Instructional practices **do not** change with the shift to the WIDA assessments.



Support for Educators and Students

- Meeting requirements for the identification, progress monitoring, and language proficiency of multilingual learners
- Supporting the diverse learning needs of multilingual learners, informed by the WIDA Accessibility and Accommodations Framework
- Leading the field in assessing English learners with the most significant cognitive disabilities using WIDA Alternate Screener and WIDA Alternate ACCESS
- Giving young students an engaging, developmentally appropriate testing experience with WIDA Screener for Kindergarten and WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten

Thank You!
