



## WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Interpretive Guide Addendum

### About the Assessment

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten is an English language proficiency assessment given to incoming students in kindergarten and grade 1 (up to end of first semester only for first grade). The test is available only in a paper version. Students who take WIDA Screener for Kindergarten complete either two (Listening and Speaking) or four domain tests (Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing), based on state policy. The purpose of the assessment is to identify students who would benefit from English language support services.

### How Scores are Calculated

Local raters use the score sheet to score and add up the number of correct Listening and Reading answers. Local raters also score the Speaking and Writing tests using the WIDA Speaking and Writing Rubrics for Kindergarten. All raw domain scores (for either two domains or four domains) are entered into the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Score Calculator, which calculates the relevant domain and composite scores. Educators can generate and download the score report. The WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Score Calculator is available at [wida.wisc.edu/assess/screener/kindergarten/calculator](http://wida.wisc.edu/assess/screener/kindergarten/calculator).

### Reported Scores

WIDA Screener for Kindergarten reports scores based on whether two domains or four domains are administered. If four domains are administered, students receive the same scores reported in the WIDA Screener Interpretive Guide for Score Reports. If only two domains (Listening and Speaking) are administered, students will receive the following scores:

- Listening domain score
- Speaking domain score
- Oral Language composite score

This brief addendum supplements the information provided in the [WIDA Screener Interpretive Guide for Score Reports](#), available on the WIDA website ([wida.wisc.edu](http://wida.wisc.edu)). Details presented in this addendum are relevant only to WIDA Screener for Kindergarten.

## Score Caps

There are no score caps applied to any domain test on WIDA Screener for Kindergarten. Students may score up to PL 6 on all domains and composite scores.

### How to Use the Score Reports

WIDA recommends using the composite scores for decision-making purposes (to identify English learners). If four domains have been administered, WIDA recommends using the Overall score for decision-making purposes. If two domains have been administered, WIDA recommends using the Oral Language score for decision-making purposes.

**The specific WIDA Screener for Kindergarten scores used in identification decisions are determined by your state.**



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