

What Is WIDA Screener?

WIDA Screener is a test that helps teachers identify if students in grades K-12 are English learners. An English learner is a student who is formally identified as needing language supports to successfully engage with academic content in English.

Why Is My Child Taking WIDA Screener?

You took a survey and answered questions about the language you use at home. Based on your answers, your child's teachers think your child may be an English learner. Your child will take WIDA Screener to confirm if they are an English learner.

How Are WIDA Screener Test Results Used?

WIDA Screener test results are used by your child's teachers to help decide if your child is an English learner.

How Long Is the WIDA Screener Test?

The test can take up to 80 minutes to complete, although testing times may be different based on individual student needs and their proficiency level. WIDA Screener test questions cover four language areas (Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing).

Most students in grades 1-12 take an online test (depending on your state's policy). WIDA Screener for Kindergarten is a shorter, pencil-and-paper test.



Getting Ready for WIDA Screener

- Your child does not need to study for WIDA Screener.
- Your child should focus on doing their best on testing day to demonstrate all the ways that they understand and can communicate in English.
- Talk with your child's teachers about when you will receive test results and how your child's school uses those results.

If Your Child Is an English Learner, Here Are Questions You Can Ask Their Teachers

- What kind of English language support services will my child receive at school?
- How do you include children's languages and cultures at school?
- How can my family support our child's language development at home?
- When will my child stop receiving English language support?

