



Eligibility for EL Services and AZELLA Testing

SY 2021-2022

Now that students are returning to in-person learning, ADE is no longer allowing students to be eligible for EL program services without a current AZELLA test record that is less than proficient. Students participating in EL program services without a qualifying AZELLA test score will not pass integrity.

Eligibility for EL Services for SY 2021-2022

Eligibility requirements for EL Services:

1. Students must have a **CURRENT** AZELLA record
 - The **DATE** of the most recent AZELLA record must be from the prior school year (2020-2021) or the current school year (2021-2022)
2. AZELLA record must show an **OVERALL PROFICIENCY LEVEL** (OPL) of less than proficient
 - Pre-Emergent/Emergent, Basic, and Intermediate
3. The **ELIGIBILITY STATUS** of the AZELLA record must show as **Eligible for EL Services**

Assessment History					District Name	District Entity ID	School Name	School Entity ID
Date	AZELLA Test ¹	Overall Tested Grade ²	Overall Proficiency Level ³	Eligibility Status				
03/30/2021	R	7	Basic	Eligible for EL Services				
02/28/2020	R	6	Basic	Eligible for EL Services				

Figure 1 EL70 Report

ALL continuing EL students entering SY 2021-2022 with an AZELLA record **dated during SY 2020-2021** with an Overall Proficiency Level (OPL) that is less than proficient are eligible for EL program services this school year. These students are not eligible for a new AZELLA Placement Test.



AZELLA Placement Test Eligibility

Two weeks before the start of school through May 13, 2022

Students who do **not** have an AZELLA test record (Placement **or** Reassessment) from last school year (2020-2021) with a less than proficient OPL will **not pass integrity for EL Services for this school year (2021-2022)** until they have a new AZELLA Placement Test that results in a less than proficient OPL.

Students who require a new AZELLA Placement Test **during the first 2 weeks of instruction** for SY 2021-2022:

- Students who were enrolled in EL Services for SY 2020-2021 and were **NEVER** administered any AZELLA test during SY 2020-2021.
- Students who received an UNDETERMINED result from their SY 2020-2021 AZELLA test.
- Students with any **RED FONT** message on their EL70 Report.
- Students listed on the EL73 Report in EL Group 8.
 - The EL73 Report will not populate with students until school enrollments have been synchronized with AzEDS and school is ready to start.
- Students who are eligible for and have a completed EL Services to Mainstream AZELLA Placement Test Referral form.

Students who require a new AZELLA Placement Test **during the first 30 days of instruction** (and within 2 calendar weeks of school enrollment after the initial 30 days from the first day of instruction) for SY 2021-2022:

- New (*not retained*) Kindergarten students with responses other than English and American Sign Language (ASL) on their Home Language Survey.
 - Contact AZELLA@azed.gov for guidance about retained KG students who were never administered any AZELLA test during SY 2020-2021.
- New-to-AZ public schools Grades 1-12 students who have responses other than English and ASL on their Home Language Survey.



Fall 2021 AZELLA Stand Alone Field Test (SAFT) Eligibility

October 11 – December 10, 2021

Students who **REQUIRE** an AZELLA SAFT:

- **ALL Grades 1-12** EL students with an AZELLA record dated during SY 2020-2021 and the OPL is less than proficient.
- **ALL Grades 1-12** EL students who are administered an AZELLA Placement Test this school year (SY 2021-2022) **through December 9, 2021** and the OPL is less than proficient.
 - *Kindergarten students will not participate in this field test.*

Spring 2022 AZELLA Reassessment Test

January 31 – March 18, 2022

Students who **REQUIRE** a Spring AZELLA Reassessment Test:

- **ALL** Grades K-12 EL students with an AZELLA record dated during SY 2020-2021 and the OPL is less than proficient.
- **ALL** Grades K-12 EL students who are administered an AZELLA Placement Test **between the start of the school year through December 31, 2021** and the OPL is less than proficient.

Students who **MAY NOT** be administered a Spring AZELLA Reassessment Test:

- Grades K-12 EL students who are administered an AZELLA Placement Test **after January 1, 2022** and the OPL is less than proficient. These students will not be tested again with the AZELLA test until the Spring **2023** AZELLA Reassessment Test administration.