



July 2026 – Important information pertaining to the completion of the Parental Notification and Consent (PNC) Forms for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Federal and state laws require that parents/guardians of English Learners (ELs) are notified of English Learner program placement annually and within 30 calendar days from the first day of school or within 14 calendar days if enrollment occurs after the first day of school. For the 2026-2027 school year, there will be 3 versions of the Parental Notification and Consent (PNC) forms available to district and charter schools from which to select.

- District and charter schools shall continue to use the 2024 version of the PNC for **continuing ELs** who were administered the **2026 AZELLA Spring Reassessment** and did not score Overall Proficient.
[Parental Notification and Consent Form](#) – English Version
[Parental Notification and Consent Form](#) – Spanish Version
- District and charter schools shall continue to use the 2024 version of the PNC for **continuing ELs** who were administered the **2026 Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment (Alt ELPA)** Spring Reassessment or are administered the Alt ELPA Screener and did not score Overall Proficient.
[Parental Notification and Consent Form - Alt ELPA](#) – English Version
[Parental Notification and Consent Form - Alt ELPA](#) – Spanish Version
- District and charter schools shall begin to use the 2026 version of the PNC for **newly identified ELs** and **ELs with a gap in assessment history or an undetermined Spring 2026 Reassessment test result**. This version is intended for students who were administered a placement test (Dynamic Screener or the AZELLA Group 8) and the test result determined that the students are at the Emerging, Progressing, or Proficiency Not Determined level and qualify for EL services.
[2026-2027 Parental Notification and Consent Form](#) – English Version
[2026-2027 Parental Notification and Consent Form](#) – Spanish Version

Important note for Kindergarten students:

- There is only one (1) AZELLA Placement – Dynamic Screener for Kindergarten.
- “Future Kindergarten” is terminology used to mean Kindergarten students tested between **July 20, 2026 – December 31, 2026**. During this time, Kindergarten students require **scores of all 3s or all 3s and 4s** to receive an Overall Proficiency Level (OPL) of Proficient and be Initial Fluent English Proficient (IFEP).
- Kindergarten students tested between **January 1, 2027 – May 14, 2027** require **scores of all 4s or 4s and 5s** to receive an OPL of Proficient and be IFEP.
- There is no longer a 60-Day Rule.

Just a reminder that while the vendor for our English language learners’ assessment has changed, the Arizona English Language Proficiency Standards of 2019 have not changed. The Structured English Immersion Models of Instruction have not changed, either.

Questions relevant to the assessment should be sent to the Assessment Division. The Office of English Language Acquisition Services (OELAS) will continue to keep you apprised of matters that affect our students’ English language instruction.

Thank you for all that you continue to do to ensure the success of Arizona’s English language learners.

Sincerely,

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