



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Principals
District Test Coordinators
ESEA Title III MLP Coordinators

FROM: Dr. Sarah Longshore
Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability

Dr. Christina S. Melton
Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

DATE: April 5, 2022

RE: English Language Development (ELD) Standards Framework Implementation

The *WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards Framework, 2020 Edition: Kindergarten-Grade 12* was publicly released on December 18, 2020, and formally adopted by the South Carolina Board of Education in May 2021. During the 2021-22 school year, professional learning opportunities and stakeholder committee work has served as a bridge to full roll-out and implementation during the 2022-23 school year. This updated, comprehensive edition fosters the assets, contributions, and potential of multilingual learners (MLs). With this edition, WIDA continues to advance the field of language development in support of disciplinary learning. A PDF of the *WIDA ELD Standards Framework, 2020 Edition* is available for download on the [WIDA website](#).

It is important to note that any changes to the English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessment, ACCESS for ELLs, reflecting the revised framework will not occur immediately. According to communications to states in May 2021, WIDA estimates that new ACCESS for ELLs test items based on the 2020 Edition would be operationalized no sooner than 2024-25. Additional information regarding the implementation timeline for revised assessments will be provided as it becomes available from WIDA.

The Office of Federal and State Accountability, in collaboration with the Office of Assessment and Standards, has provided professional development to the field throughout the 2021-22 school year in preparation for full implementation. If you missed these opportunities or would like more training, the eWorkshop WIDA ELD Standards Framework: A Collaborative Approach is available in the [WIDA Secure Portal](#) for educators and administrators to explore ways to support ML language development and achievement. There are a variety of resources to support quality instruction for MLs currently available by accessing the [ESEA, Title III website](#). Additionally, educators are encouraged to [register](#) for the Multilingual Learner Program (MLP) Conference scheduled for July 26-28, 2022.

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