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**Commonwealth of Virginia**  
**Virginia Department of Education**  
**Superintendent's Memo #166-22**

DATE: August 5, 2022  
TO: Division Superintendents  
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUBJECT: **English Language Proficiency Assessments Test Administration Schedule for the 2022-2023 School Year**

As required in Section 1111(b)(7) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), school divisions must provide an annual assessment of English proficiency to all English learners (EL).

For the 2022-2023 school year, the statewide English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessments testing window will open Tuesday, January 17, 2023, and will close Friday, March 24, 2023. All EL must be assessed with one of the following ELP assessments during this testing window:

- ACCESS for ELLs® online test (a headset with earphones and a microphone is required for online testing);
- ACCESS for ELLs® paper test;
- Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs® test;
- Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® paper/pencil test;
- Virginia English Language Proficiency (ELP) Checklist for English Learner (EL) Students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 with Hearing and Visual Impairments; or
- Virginia English Language Proficiency (ELP) Checklist for English Learners (EL) in Kindergarten with Significant Cognitive Disabilities.

A detailed ELP assessment test administration schedule for the 2022-2023 school year is attached. This testing schedule includes important dates and deadlines for the administration of the online and paper ACCESS for ELLs® test, the Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs® test, the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® test as well as the Virginia ELP Checklists. Additional ELP Assessment information can also be located on the [Virginia English Language Proficiency Assessment webpage](#) or the [Virginia WIDA website](#). Details regarding the administration of the Virginia ELP Checklists will be sent at a later date.

### For more information

If you have questions, please contact student assessment staff at [Student\\_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov) or (804) 225-2102.

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- A. Attachment: [2022-2023 English Language Proficiency Assessments Test Administration Schedule](#) (DOCX)