



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: July 21, 2017
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **English Language Proficiency Assessments Test Administration Schedule for the 2017-2018 School Year**

As required in Section 1111 (b) (7) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA), school divisions must annually assess the English proficiency of all limited English proficient (LEP) students in kindergarten through grade 12. For the 2017-2018 school year, the statewide English language proficiency (ELP) assessments testing window will open Monday, January 8, 2018, and will close Friday, March 30, 2018. All LEP students must be assessed with one of the following ELP assessments during this testing window, and payment for the ELP assessments is the responsibility of the division.

- ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0 online test (a headset with earphones and a microphone is required for online testing);
- ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0 paper test;
- Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs® test;
- Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® paper/pencil test;
- Virginia English Language Proficiency Checklist for Limited English Proficient Students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 with Hearing and Visual Impairments; or
- Virginia English Language Proficiency Checklist for Limited English Proficient Students in Kindergarten with Significant Cognitive Disabilities.

A detailed ELP assessments test administration schedule for the 2017-2018 school year is attached. This testing schedule includes important dates and deadlines for the administration of the online and paper ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0 test, the Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs® test, the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® test as well as the Virginia ELP Checklists. Details regarding the administration of the Virginia ELP Checklists will be sent at a later date.

If you have questions, please contact the assessment staff by email at student_assessment@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2102.

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Attachment:

- A. [2017-2018 English Language Proficiency Assessments Test Administration Schedule](#) (Word)