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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #213-21**

DATE: August 6, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **English Language Proficiency Assessments Test Administration Schedule for the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year, the statewide English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessments testing window will open Tuesday, January 18, 2022, and will close Friday, March 25, 2022. 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 2021-2022 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 website](#) 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 or (804) 225-2102.

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- A. Attachment: [2021-2022 English Language Proficiency Assessments Test Administration Schedule](#) (DOCX)