

**Alaska Department of Education & Early Development**  
**NCLB Winter Conference, January 18-20, 2006**  
**English Language Proficiency Standards and Assessment**

**Alaska's English Language Proficiency Standards:**

**Purpose:** guide instruction aligned to ELP assessment

- Adopted in 2004
- Revised by committee in 2005 to:
  - Provide a resource for educators of English language learners
  - Incorporate current theory and research in ELP standards
  - Support content based instruction and assessment of English language learners
  - Link to Alaska's content standards
  - Align with Alaska's newly adopted ELP assessment and
  - Comply with federal legislation, specifically NCLB

The 2005 proposed ELP Standards are available for public comment until February 8 at: <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/regs/comment.html> prior to proposed adoption by the State Board of Education and Early Development at their March 2006 meeting.

**Identification:**

To be identified as LEP, students must meet definition. Screening tools at <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/forms/forms1.html#Bilingual>

- Parent Language Questionnaire
- Language Observation Checklist Form A or B
- Use the IPT 2004 for identification and placement (Order form available on at: <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/assessment/elp/AKPricelistOrderform.pdf>)
- Test all four domains – listening, speaking, reading, & writing
- Districts may wait for the annual assessment if a student enrolls after December

**Guidance** is available at <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/nclb/KeyComponentsNCLB.html>.

**Required Annual Assessment of all Identified LEP Students:**

State approved assessment: IDEA Proficiency Test (IPT © 2005)

- Test all four domains: listening, speaking, reading and writing
- Test administration window is from March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30
- Test early in the window to provide ample time for standard setting
- EED will pay for required ELP Annual assessment materials

**Training for ELP test administrators:** will take place February 6 and 7 in Fairbanks. Additional methods for training district personnel is available through Ballard & Tighe's online training website <http://www.ballard-tighe.com/>

**Districts to order test materials online:** through the Pearson Educational Measurement <http://www.ncsschoolhouse.com/> Technical support: 1-800-553-2159.

The Schoolhouse User's Guide for online ordering is on the EED website at: <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/assessment/elp.html>

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