

Subject: EL program area field update

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Dear colleagues,

*This field memo contains important and timely updates regarding policies and procedures related to the education of English learners (ELs). You are receiving this e-mail because your district has identified you in PIMS as a point of contact for the language instruction educational program (LIEP) in your district. **If you are not the appropriate person to receive this information, please do not respond to this e-mail**, but rather pass this along to the appropriate person and contact your administration to correct the point of contact in PIMS.*

Update to identification procedure

Due to a flaw in the logic for identifying second semester kindergarten students using the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten and the WIDA K MODEL, it was necessary to update the cutoff tables in the K-12 identification procedure. The previous cutoff required that a student receive an oral language composite below 5.0 AND a literacy composite below 4.2 to be identified as an EL. This has been updated to require that the student receive an oral language composite score below 5.0 OR a literacy composite below 4.2 to be identified as an EL. The newest revision of the document has been posted to the [EL webpage](#) with a revision date of April, 2022.

GTT Reports

The Department discontinued the publication of Growth-to-Target (GTT) Reports in 2020. The data office at PDE will be producing reports that will contain the growth target and growth achieved along with other data for each EL included in accountability calculations. The completion date for the new reports is not available at this time. The field will be notified when they are available.

For any questions related to policies or guidance, please feel free to contact a member of the EL team at PDE – Bob Measel (romeasel@pa.gov) or Julia Hutton (juhutton@pa.gov).

For questions related to professional learning, please contact Andrea Kolb (akolb@csc.csiu.org).

Best,

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