
If you have questions about student eligibility or any other aspect of the special August-September administration of the NYSITELL, please contact the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages at obewl@nysed.gov.

Newly Enrolled Students

For students who enroll in a New York State school during summer of 2021 and during the first 20 school days of the 2021-22 school year, schools must complete the ELL identification process, including the administration of the NYSITELL when required, within 30 school days of the start of the academic school year. Thereafter, the usual 10-school-day identification period under will apply. The ELL identification process should proceed in accordance with Part 154-2.3(a). For students identified as ELLs through this process, the results of the NYSITELL will determine the level of ELL services that must be provided to the students in accordance with Part 154-2.3(g).

Provisionally-Identified English Language Learners (ELLs)

A provisionally-identified ELL is a student who, as a result of having enrolled in a New York State school during the COVID-19 pandemic and having always received entirely remote instruction, has been identified as needing ELL services by their school but has not been able to complete the ELL identification process including an in-person administration of the NYSITELL. For those provisionally-identified ELLs who do not participate in the Spring 2021 NYSESLAT, the school must complete the ELL identification process by administering the NYSITELL to the student within 30 school days of the start of the 2021-22 school year, if the student will be receiving either completely or partially in-person instruction at the start of the school year. The NYSITELL should also be administered at the start of the 2021-22 school year to those provisionally-identified ELLs who are continuing to receive remote-only instruction, provided that the family is willing to have the student come to school in person for the one-to-two days necessary to participate in the NYSITELL. Otherwise, the usual 10-school-day identification period under Regulations Part 154 will apply after they begin to receive either completely or partial in-person instruction.

For those provisionally-identified ELLs who do participate in the Spring 2021 NYSESLAT, schools may forgo administration of the NYSITELL and instead apply the results of the 2021 NYSESLAT for the purpose of identifying the student as an ELL and determining the level of ELL services that must be provided to the student in accordance with Part 154-2.3(g).