Data Element Number: 197279
Data Element Name: **English Language Learners: Tier Placement**

A code to indicate the tier placement for a student classified as limited English proficient and enrolled in a program or receiving services for ELL students (LY) for purposes of the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment.

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| A    | Tier A – placement based on one of the following criteria:  
• Placement determined from the W-APT, WIDA MODEL, or WIDA Screener.  
• Student arrived in the U.S. or entered school in the U.S. within this academic school year without previous instruction in English.  
• Student currently receives literacy instruction ONLY in their native language.  
• Student recently achieved an overall composite score of 1.0–2.0 on the statewide English language proficiency assessment. |
| B    | Tier B – placement based on one of the following criteria:  
• Placement determined from the W-APT, WIDA MODEL, or WIDA Screener.  
• Student has social language proficiency and some, but not extensive, academic language proficiency in English.  
• Student has acquired some literacy in English though have not yet reached grade level literacy.  
• Student recently achieved an overall composite score of 2.1–3.0 on the statewide English language proficiency assessment. |
| C    | Tier C – placement based on one of the following criteria:  
• Placement determined from the W-APT, WIDA MODEL, or WIDA Screener.  
• Student is approaching grade level in literacy and academic language proficiency in the core content areas.  
• Student will likely meet the state’s exit criteria for support services by the end of the academic year.  
• Student recently achieved an overall composite score of 3.1–6.0 on the statewide English language proficiency assessment. |
| D    | Alternate Tier – placement based on all of the following criteria:  
• Student has a significant cognitive disability and receives special education under IDEA (2004).  
• Student requires extensive direct individualized instruction and substantial supports to achieve measurable gains in the grade and age appropriate curriculum.  
• Student is enrolled in grades 1–12. |
| Z    | Not Applicable - Use for all KG students and for ELL students coded as LF, LP or LZ on the English Language Learners, PK-12 data element. |

Notes: This code should be reported for all English Language Learners, PK-12 students. Select the appropriate Code/Tier for all LY students only. All others should be coded as Z.

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**Data Type:** Alphabetic
**Year Implemented:** 1617
**State Standard:** No
**Use Types:**  
State Reporting: Yes
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Local Accountability: Yes

FASTER: No

Migrant Tracking: No

Required Grades: 01-12

Programs Required: English Language Learners

Formats Required: English Language Learners Information DB9 10x

Surveys Required: Survey 2 Yes

Appendixes: None

Notes

Revise definition on Code Z to include “all” KG students

New Element