

Section 5: Statewide Assessment (Rule 6A-6.09091, F.A.C.)

Statewide Assessment

Describe the process to ensure that all ELLs participate in Florida statewide assessment programs. Include how responsible staff is trained to administer assessments and maintain documentation of the following:

Statewide content area assessments:

All ELLs participate in statewide assessments. The Student Assessment and Research Department provides training/information to school testing coordinators, and the Bilingual/ESOL Department provides face to face and web based training/information to school ESOL Contacts about the requirements for ELL participation in statewide assessments. In addition, both departments collaborate to provide training on FSA accommodations for ELLs. Guidelines are sent to schools regarding ELL participation in statewide assessments. The guidelines are also available on the Bilingual/ESOL Department website. <http://esol.browardschools.com>

The ESOL Contact is responsible for identifying students *Accommodations* using the online platform. Parents are notified via the *Flexible Setting Form* if their child will be tested in a different setting. A copy of the ELL Plan containing the accommodations is kept in the ELL folder. The Flexible Setting Form can be located at <http://esol.browardschools.com> (Department Handbook)

The Bilingual/ESOL Department provides information on required accommodations for assessment and instruction through trainings for ESOL Contacts, teachers, administrators and support staff. District ESOL Instructional Facilitators visit schools and classrooms to assist in the implementation of this requirement. Testing accommodations are documented on the *Accommodations* section of the ELL Plan. These same accommodations are provided on a regular basis during classroom instruction and documented as ESOL Instructional Strategies in the teacher's plan book. The school-level person responsible for this process is the ESOL contact, Guidance Counselor, and School Testing Coordinator or Designee.

ACCESS for ELLs assessment programs:

What is/are the title(s) of the school-level person responsible for ensuring and documenting that ELLs are provided appropriate testing accommodations (per test administration requirements)?

School Testing Coordinator and/or ESOL Contact

Describe how parents of ELLs are notified of assessments and testing accommodations. How does the LEA ensure that parents understand Florida's statewide assessments policies, mandates and student outcomes? Please provide links to communications in parents' languages.

Parents of ELLs must be notified of the Flexible Setting Accommodation using the letter found at <http://esol.browardschools.com> which is available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese. Other notifications are generated using the online platform

ELlevation. Notifications are available in 36 languages. Parents are also notified of testing accommodations and understanding outcomes at school meetings and district-wide parent meetings.

