

WIDA English Learner Levels

Level	Criteria
Level 1: Beginning/Preproduction (WIDA Level = Entering)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil does not understand or speak English with the exception of a few isolated words or expressions
Level 2: Beginning/Production (WIDA Level = Beginning)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupil understands and speaks conversational and academic English with hesitancy and difficulty. • The pupil understands parts of lessons and simple directions. • The pupil is at a pre-emergent or emergent level of reading and writing in English, significantly below grade level.
Level 3: Intermediate (WIDA Level = Developing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupil understands and speaks conversational and academic English with decreasing hesitancy and difficulty. • The pupil is post-emergent, developing reading comprehension and writing skills in English. • The pupil's English literacy skills allow the student to demonstrate academic knowledge in content areas with assistance.
Level 4: Advanced Intermediate (WIDA Level = Expanding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupil understands and speaks conversational English without apparent difficulty, but understands and speaks academic English with some hesitancy. • The pupil continues to acquire reading and writing skills in content areas needed to achieve grade level expectations with assistance.
Level 5: Advanced (WIDA Level = Bridging)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupil understands and speaks conversational and academic English well. • The pupil is near proficient in reading, writing, and content area skills needed to meet grade level expectations. The pupil requires occasional support.
Level 6: Formerly Limited-English Proficient/Now Fully-English Proficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupil was formerly limited-English proficient and is now fully-English proficient. • The pupil reads, writes, speaks and comprehends English within academic classroom settings.
Level 7: Fully-English Proficient/Never Limited-English Proficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student was never classified as limited-English proficient and does not fit the definition of a limited-English proficient student outlined in either state or federal law.