



Florida Association of Bilingual and ESOL Supervisors (FABES) Fall 2023 Conference Student Achievement Through Language Acquisition (SALA)



Agenda

- Recognitions , Florida Department of Education, & Data
- Compliance: Rule 6A-6.0905, F.A.C., Requirements for the District English Language Learners Plan
- Updates
 - Science of Reading Online Professional Learning Course
 - Cut Scores for Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards
 - 2023-2024 Outstanding Volunteer Awards
 - Amendments to Rule 6A-6.0531, F.A.C., Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence

(RAISE)



Recognitions



 Debra Estes, ESOL Director, Manatee County Schools

 Karen Malits, Director of Federal Programs, Indian River Schools

 Minnie Cardona, Director of ESOL, Seminole County Public Schools

 Jennifer Wyatt, ESOL Specialist, Sumter County Schools



Florida Department of Education's (FDOE) Mission and Vision

- The mission of Florida's K-20 education system shall be to increase the proficiency of **all students** within one seamless, efficient system, by allowing them the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills through learning opportunities and research valued by students, parents, and communities.
- Florida will have an efficient world-class education system that engages and prepares **all students** to be globally competitive for college and careers.
 - Sources: [Section 1008.31, F.S.](#), and [FDOE's Strategic Plan](#) (2021)



English Language Learners (ELLs) in Florida

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS

How many K-12 students are in Florida?

3,249,259



Total Number of English Learners

326,000+ (10%)



TOTAL NUMBER OF HERITAGE LANGUAGES

243

ELLs in Florida Survey 2 2023-2024

PK-12 Education Information
Services (EIS)

School Improvement Overview

School Improvement (SI) Schools

Graded public schools identified for support and intervention by the Department because the school earned a grade of “D,” and grade of “F” or produced a graduation rate of sixty-seven (67) percent or less. (Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C.)

2023-24 School Year	
Total Number of SI Schools	162
Percent of SI Schools with data for the English Language Learner (ELL) subgroup	85% (137 schools)
Number of the 137 schools with ELL data that is below 41% (Federal Percent of Points Index)	77% (106 schools)

School Improvement Overview

Turnaround Schools

Graded public schools that are in Tier 2 or 3 of School Improvement.

- **Tier 2 SI school:** Any school that earns a single grade of “F” or consecutive grades of “D” in any school year in which the school received a grade and is in the first cycle of turnaround. (Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C.)
- **Tier 3 SI school:** Any school that has completed one or more cycles of turnaround and has not improved its grade to at least a “C.” (Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C.)

School Improvement Overview

2023-24 School Year

Total Number of Turnaround Schools

32

Percent of Turnaround Schools with data for the ELL subgroup

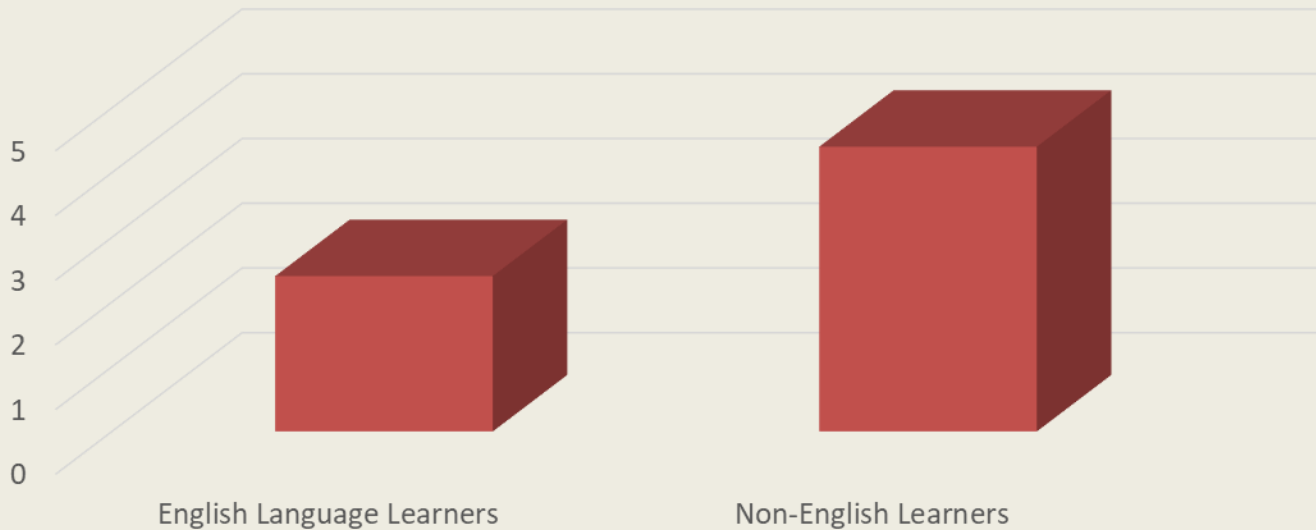
88% (28 schools)

Number of the 28 schools with ELL data that is below 41% (Federal Percent of Points Index)

82% (23 schools)

Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) 2021-2022

Achievement Gap Between ELLs and Non ELLs in Academic Achievement Scores in English Language Arts



Amendments to District ELL Plan

Rule 6A-6.0905, F.A.C., Requirements of the District English Language Learner Plan

“Interim changes in the plans shall be submitted as amendments to the Florida Department of Education and must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implementation.”

Please incorporate the amendments in your District ELL Plan by underlining the new text and ~~striking through~~ the language you would like to delete or amend.

Please submit your amended District ELL Plan to sala@fldoe.org.

New Online Professional Learning Course, Science of Reading: An Introduction

The course is designed to upskill educators to ensure they are equipped with the foundational knowledge to support effective delivery of evidence-based literacy instruction to meet the needs of all students.

Districts are encouraged to consider awarding five (5) inservice points for completion of the Science of Reading.

For more information, visit this link.

<https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-10006/DPS-2023-181.pdf>



2023-2024 Outstanding School Volunteer Awards

The Outstanding School Volunteer Awards are presented annually to Florida school volunteers who have shown exceptional commitment to student resilience and dedication to quality education in their local schools.

This recognition serves to highlight school-community partnerships and encourage innovative approaches to improving student outcomes through volunteerism.



2023-2024 Outstanding School Volunteer Awards

Online nominations will open October 16, 2023, and must be submitted by December 14, 2023. Nomination instructions, selection criteria and award timeline may be found at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/volunteer-communityinvolvement/the-outsting-school-volunteer.shtml>.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Darnell, Specialist, Family and Community Engagement, at Jennifer.Darnell@fldoe.org.



Amendments to Rule 6A-6.0531, F.A.C., Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence (RAISE)

- Evidence-based reading instruction proven to accelerate progress of students exhibiting a reading deficiency;
- Differentiated instruction based on screening, progress monitoring or student assessment data to meet students' specific reading needs; and
- Explicit and systematic reading strategies to develop phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension with more extensive opportunities for guided practice, error correction and feedback.

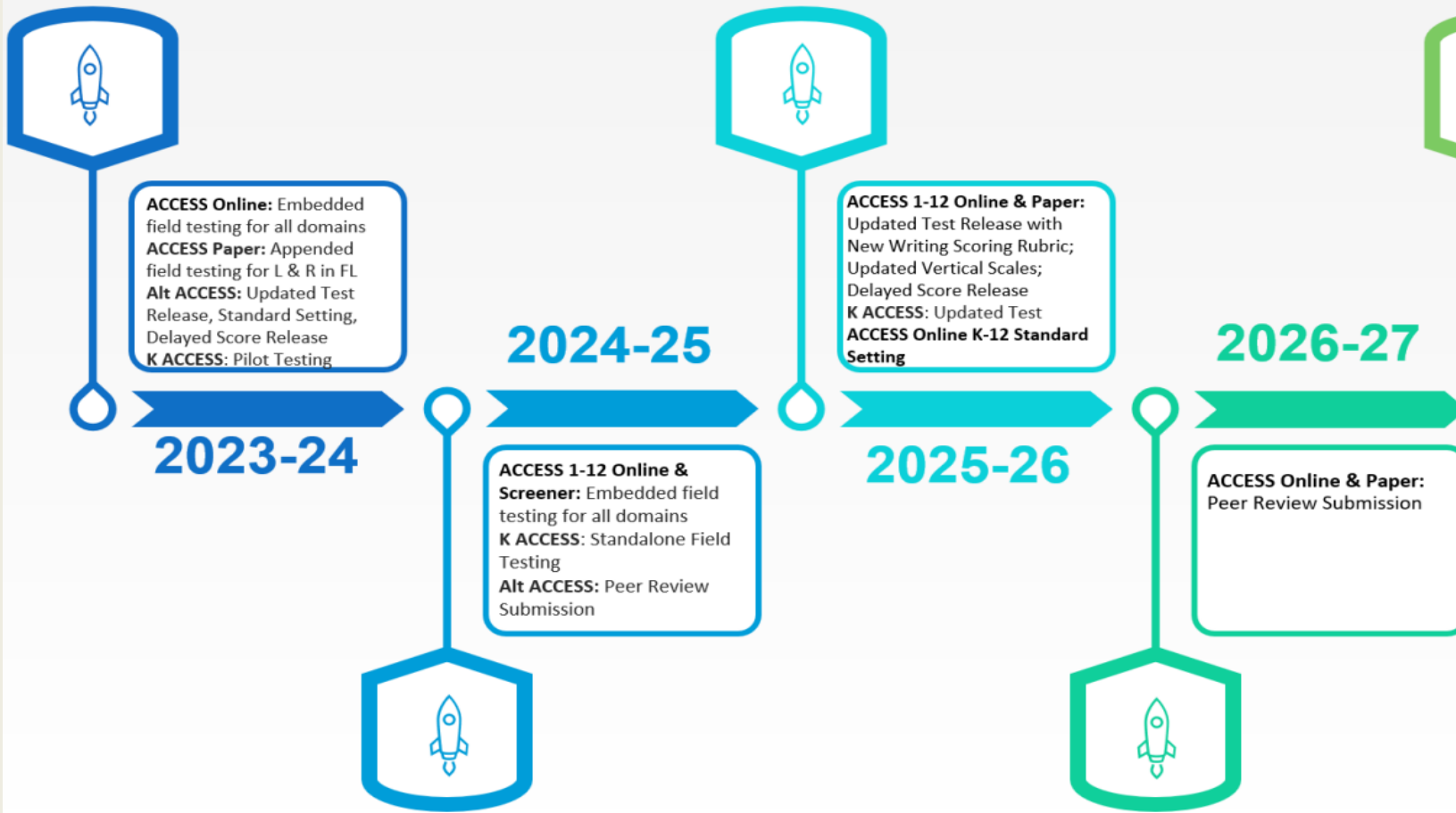
Cut Scores for Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards

- Approved by the State Board of Education on October 18, 2023.
- Includes Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) in English Language Arts (ELA) Reading and Mathematics, as well as the B.E.S.T. Writing and Algebra 1 and Geometry end-of-course EOC assessments.
- For more information, please visit the K-12 Student Assessment Standard Setting page. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Assessment at Assessment@fldoe.org.

Discussion

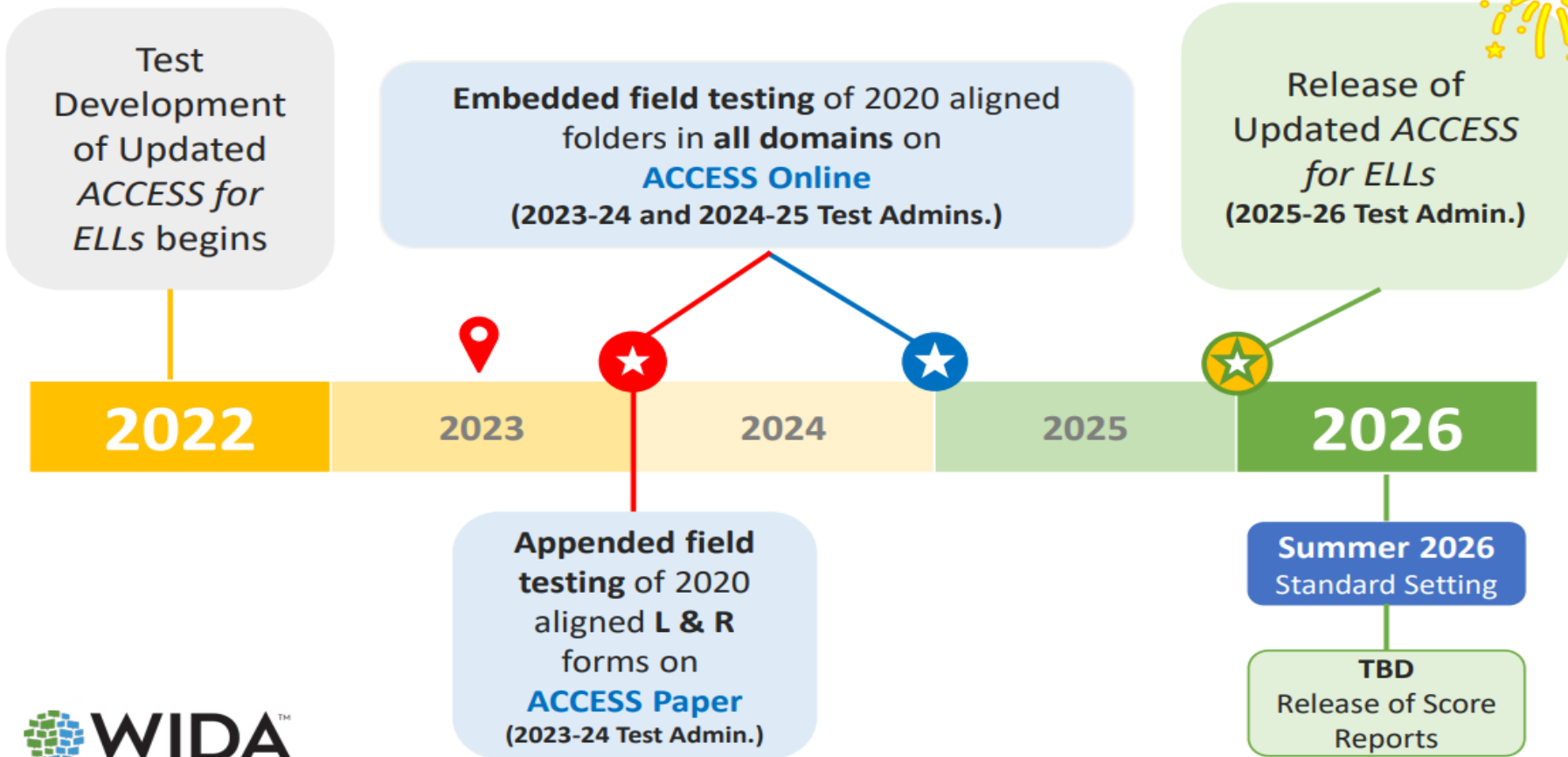
What supports and resources
would help your district
increase the achievement of
ELLs?

Future Planning



Timeline

No changes to original plan. On schedule.



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