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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

**SUBJECT: 2018 List of Approved Tests for Assessment of English Learners**

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to use a list of approved assessments for the identification and reclassification of English learners<sup>1</sup>.

The 2018-2019 List of Approved Tests for Assessments of English Learners is provided in the link below, but is only applicable for this school year. **Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, LEAs will be required to use a single statewide test for entry and reclassification**<sup>2</sup>.

The approved tests placed on the list are based on scientific research and measure oral language proficiency in listening and speaking in English and Spanish from Prekindergarten (PK) - Grade 12. Assessments also measure reading and writing in English and Spanish from PK - Grade 12.

The list of approved tests are grouped in the following categories:

- Identification
- Formative Assessment
- Annual Assessment
- Reclassification (grades 1-12 only)

The 2018-2019 List of Approved Tests for Assessment of English Learners can be accessed from the TEA webpage at: <https://tea.texas.gov/bilingual/esl/education/>

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Susie Coultriss, State Director of Bilingual/ESL/Title III in the Division of English Learner Support, at (512) 463-9414 or by email at [susie.coultriss@tea.texas.gov](mailto:susie.coultriss@tea.texas.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §89.1225(d), Relating to Testing and Classification of Students

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan, Title III, Part A, approved by the United States Department of Education in March 2018