

Assessment Name	Acronym	Publisher	Publisher's Description	Publisher's URL	PURPOSE	Proficiency in	What do scores mean?	Test Frequency for APS	Testing Window	Average Completion Time
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	ACCESS	WIDA	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually in WIDA Consortium member states to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is only available to Consortium member states. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.	https://www.wida.us/assessment/access20.aspx	The purpose and use of ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 includes the following: To help students and families understand students' current level of English language proficiency along the developmental continuum. To serve as one of multiple measures used to determine whether students are prepared to exit English language support programs. To generate information that assists in determining whether ELLs have attained the language proficiency needed to participate meaningfully in content area classrooms without program support. To provides teachers with information they can subsequently use to enhance instruction and learning in programs for their English language learners. To provide districts with information that will help them evaluate the effectiveness of their ESL/bilingual programs.	English proficiency	There are six levels: 1-entering, 2-beginning, -developing, 4-expanding, 5-bridging, and 6- reaching. The tasks on the 2016 summative assessment continue to assess the language students need to process or produce in various school contexts. Each assessment item and task will target at least one of the five WIDA ELD Standards: Social and Instructional Language Language of Language Arts Language of Mathematics Language of Science Language of Social Studies	Once per year	Winter	2.5 hours
Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA2+ for K-3)	DRA2	ScottForesman Pearson	The Developmental Reading Assessment®, Second Edition, PLUS (DRA2+) is a formative reading assessment in which teachers are able to systematically observe, record, and evaluate changes in student reading performance.	http://www.pearsonassessments.com/learningassessments/products/100001222/developmental-reading-assessment-2nd-edition-plus-	Inform instruction • Determine a student's instructional and independent reading level • Determine reading strategies used and neglected • Group students for instruction • Monitor students' reading progress • Determine eligibility for Title I program at targeted schools, grades 1-5 • Inform eligibility decisions for Special Education Services and Gifted Services	Reading	A student's DRA2 level (independent reading level) reflects the student's oral reading fluency (95% accuracy) and comprehension (90%) at independent performance levels.	Three times per year	Multiple	0.5 hours
English for Speakers of Other Languages/High Intensity Language Training & High Intensity Language Training/High Intensity Language Training Extension Writing Assessments	ESOL/HILT & HILT/HILTEX	Arlington Public Schools (APS)	County-wide elementary and secondary writing assessments are conducted 1-2 times a year. Writing rubrics aligned with WIDA standards are used to holistically score samples of student writing.	https://www.apsva.us/esol-hilt/	Evaluate students' progress, inform instruction, and assist in determining program placement.	English proficiency		Three times per year	Multiple	
Mathematics Beginning of Year (BOY) Assessment (paper/pencil)	BOY	Arlington Public Schools (APS)	A countywide developed grade level beginning of year assessment to establish baseline data on student understanding of current grade level mathematics objectives.	https://www.apsva.us/mathematics/	Establish baseline data on student understanding of current grade level mathematics objectives.	Mathematics		BOY	Fall	1.5 hours
Mathematics End of Year (EOY) K-1 (paper/pencil)	EOY	Arlington Public Schools (APS)	A countywide developed K-2 test designed to assess K-2 objectives at the end of the year.	https://www.apsva.us/mathematics/	Assess mastery of K-2 objectives at the end of the year.	Mathematics		EOY	Spring	1 hour
Mathematics Quarterly Benchmarks (Q1, Q2, Q3)		Arlington Public Schools (APS)	A county wide developed grade level mathematics assessment designed to assess quarterly mathematical understanding of skills and concepts in Grades K-8.	https://www.apsva.us/mathematics/	Assess student understanding of mathematics concepts at the end of each quarter.	Mathematics		Three times per year	Multiple	1 hour
Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening	PALS-K	University of Virginia	The Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) provides a comprehensive assessment of young children's knowledge of the important literacy fundamentals that are predictive of future reading success. PALS is the state-provided screening tool for Virginia's Early Intervention Reading Initiative (EIRI) and is used by 99% of school divisions in the state on a voluntary basis. PALS consists of three instruments, PALS-PreK (for preschool students), PALS-K (for kindergartners), and PALS 1-3 (for students in Grades 1-3). PALS assessments are designed to identify students in need of additional reading instruction beyond that provided to typically developing readers. PALS also informs teachers' instruction by providing them with explicit information about their students' knowledge of literacy fundamentals. Mid-year assessment and PALS Quick Checks allow for ongoing student progress monitoring throughout the year.	https://pals.virginia.edu/tools-1-3.html	Assess students on fundamental literacy skills including: • phonological awareness • alphabet recognition • concept of word • letter-sound knowledge • spelling/phonics Provide teachers with explicit information about individual students in order to plan instruction in language arts. Teachers are asked to examine the data and reflect on student achievement. This examination and reflection influence instructional practice for subsequent years. This assessment is required of all kindergarten students in the fall and spring. Determine eligibility for Title I program at targeted schools.	Reading	PALS-K is a measure of children's knowledge of several important literacy fundamentals: phonological awareness, alphabet recognition, concept of word, knowledge of letter sounds and spelling. PALS-K provides a direct means of matching literacy instruction to specific literacy needs and provides a means of identifying those children who are relatively behind in their acquisition of these fundamental literacy skills.	Three times per year	Multiple	0.5 hours
Test of Mathematical Abilities for Gifted Students	TOMAGS	Prufrock Press	The Primary Level (grades K-3) or the Intermediate Level (grades 4-6) of this standardized, norm-referenced test is used to identify children gifted in mathematics. The TOMAGS measures students' ability to use mathematical reasoning and mathematical problem solving.	http://www.prufrock.com/TOMAGS-Complete-Kit-Test-of-Mathematical-Abilities-for-Gifted-Students-P90.aspx	Assess students mathematical ability during the Gifted Services Eligibility Process for math and science eligibility	Mathematics	The raw score is converted to a final standard score or quotient based on the child's age. Scores are assigned point values ranging from 0-20 points on the matrix. A score between 130 and 140 indicates mathematical strength, a score of 140 or above is exceptional. There are also two scales: normal and gifted that you can use as a point of comparison.			1 hour
WIDA Measure Of Developing English Language for Kindergarten	WIDA MODEL	WIDA	The WIDA MODEL (Measure of Developing English Language) is a series of English language proficiency assessments for Kindergarten.	https://www.wida.us/assessment/MODEL/	Assess English language proficiency, determine ELP levels, determine progress and proficiency, and help make instructional decisions.	English proficiency		Once per year	Winter	0.5 hours
World Language Progress on Targeted Language Functions		Arlington Public Schools (APS)	A checklist provided by the World Language Office to all FLES teachers, which is used to document individual student progress on targeted language functions for each grade level.	https://www.apsva.us/world-languages/	Measure progress on listening and speaking functions by documenting student progress at different intervals during each academic quarter.	Language	Student progress in target language acquisition skills			
Writing Performance Assessments	WPA	Arlington Public Schools (APS)	With the newly adopted Units of Study in Writing, the curriculum provides performance assessments in writing pre and post for each unit of study: narrative, expository, and persuasive. These assessments allow teachers to monitor student progress and tailor instruction for students.	https://www.apsva.us/english-language-arts/	Monitor growth in writing for students over time. At Teachers are asked to examine the data and reflect on student achievement. This examination and reflection influence instructional practice for subsequent years. Determine eligibility for Title I program at targeted schools.	Writing	These assessments monitor progress and growth in writing.	Four times per year	Multiple	1 hour