

Board Approval Process to Evaluate Locally Selected or Developed English Language Proficiency Assessments

If school divisions choose to use a test other than those currently approved by the Board of Education, the following information must be submitted:

- the locally developed or selected assessment with the completed cover sheet (see Attachment C);
- documentation of alignment with ELP Standards of Learning;
- documentation of alignment with the state ELP levels;
- documentation that the assessment includes all four skill areas (reading, writing, listening, and speaking); and
- documentation that the assessment adheres to psychometric guidelines for reliability and validity according to the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing of the American Education Research Association, American Psychological Association, and the National Council on Measurement in Education.

The division's choice of ELP assessment and required documentation will be reviewed by the Department of Education. Recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education for final approval.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Division of Student Assessment and School Improvement by e-mail at Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2102.