FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DOE INFORMATION DATABASE REQUIREMENTS VOLUME I

STUDENT DATA ELEMENTS
2025-26

Data Element Number: **197279**

Data Element Name: **English Language Learners: Tier Placement**

A code to indicate the tier placement for a student classified as limited English proficient and enrolled in a program or receiving services for ELL students (LY)) for purposes of the statewide English Language Proficiency assessment.

Code	Definition/Example
A	Tier A – placement based on the following criteria: • Student is enrolled in grades 1-12 and has an IEP or Section 504 Plan that includes a paper-based accommodation (regular print, large print, braille, one-item-per-page), text-to-speech online accommodation, or passage booklet accommodation for statewide assessments. And one of the following criteria: • Placement determined from the WIDA MODEL or WIDA Screener. • Student arrived in the U.S. or entered school in the U.S. within this academic school year without previous instruction in English. • Student currently receives literacy instruction ONLY in their native language. • Student recently achieved an overall composite score of 1.0–2.0 on the statewide English language proficiency assessment
B	Tier B – placement based on the following criteria: • Student is enrolled in grades 1-12 and has an IEP or Section 504 Plan that includes a paper-based accommodation (regular print, large print, braille, one-item-per-page) text-to-speech online accommodation, or passage booklet accommodation for statewide assessments. And one of the following criteria: • Placement determined from the WIDA MODEL or WIDA Screener. • Student has social language proficiency and some, but not extensive, academic language proficiency in English. • Student has acquired some literacy in English though have not yet reached grade level literacy. • Student recently achieved an overall composite score of 2.1–3.0 on the statewide English language proficiency assessment
C	Tier C – placement based on the following criteria: • Student is enrolled in grades 1-12 and has an IEP or Section 504 Plan that includes a paper-based accommodation (regular print, large print, braille, one-item-per-page) text-to-speech online accommodation, or passage booklet accommodation for statewide assessments. And one of the following criteria: • Placement determined from the WIDA MODEL or WIDA Screener. • Student is approaching grade level in literacy and academic language proficiency in the core content areas. • Student will likely meet the state's exit criteria for support services by the end of the academic year. • Student recently achieved an overall composite score of 3.1–6.0 on the statewide English language proficiency assessment

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D	D Alternate Tier – placement based on all of the following criteria: • Student has a most significant cognitive disability and receives special education under IDEA (2004). • Student requires extensive direct individualized instruction and substantial supports to achieve measurable gains in the grade and age appropriate curriculum. • Student is or will be participating in Access Points Curriculum and/or Statewide, Standardize Alternate Assessment. • Student is enrolled in grades K–12
O	Online – placement based on one of the following criteria: • Student is enrolled in grades 1–12 and does not have an IEP or Section 504 Plan that includes a paper-based accommodation (regular print, large print, braille, one-item-per-page) for statewide assessments
Z	Not Applicable - Use for all KG students who do not have a most significant cognitive disability and for ELL students coded as LA, LF, LP or LZ on the English Language Learners, PK-12 data element.

Notes: This code should be reported for all English Language Learners, PK-12 students. Select the appropriate Code/Tier for all LY students only. All others should be coded as Z.

Data Element Detailed Information

Length:	1		**Use Types:**	
Data Type:	Alphabetic	State Reporting:		Yes
Year Implemented:	1617	Local Accountability:		Yes
State Standard:	No	FASTER:		No
Required Grades:	01-12	Migrant Tracking:		No

Applicable Format And Edit

Formats Required:	**Edits Required:**
English Language Learners Information	1A, 80

Programs Required:	English Language Learners
Surveys Required:	Survey 2 Yes
Appendices:	

Description of Changes:

11/20/2025	Updated Tier A,B and C definitions
7/1/2025	Added Code O & updated definitions
7/1/2023	Revise definition on codes D and Z.
10/10/2019	Deleted "W-APT" Screener from codes A, B & C; Added grade level requirements to codes A, B & C; and Added additional guidance to code D.
9/13/2019	Added code "LA" to definition for the use of Tier Placement code "Z."

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9/13/2016	Revise Note
9/13/2016	Revise definition on Code Z to include "all" KG students
7/1/2016	New Element