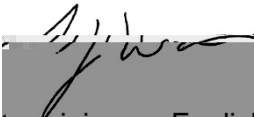




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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public School Districts
Principals of Public Schools
Leaders of Charter, Religious, and Independent Schools
Directors of Regional Information Centers

FROM: Zachary Warner 

SUBJECT: NYSESLAT—Determining an English Language Learner's (ELL) English Language Proficiency Level

This memorandum provides the scale score ranges for the 2022 New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT), along with guidance and information concerning the interpretation of the scale scores.

The NYSESLAT scale score ranges associated with the proficiency levels for Grades K-12 are the same as the scale score ranges established following the 2016 administration.

Please note that, in accordance with Part 154 of the Commissioner's Regulations, ELLs can exit ELL status in the following ways:

Grades K–12: Scoring at the Commanding level on the NYSESLAT
OR

Grades 3–8: Scoring at the Expanding level on the NYSESLAT and level 3 or above on the New York State English Language Arts (ELA) assessment taken within the same school year

Grades 9–12: Scoring at the Expanding level on the NYSESLAT and 65 or above on the Regents Examination in English Language Arts taken within the same school year

Superintendents, principals, and charter school leaders are advised to share this information

RAW SCORE TO SCALE SCORE CONVERSION CHARTS

Students will receive a scale score for each modality (Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking). In addition, each student will receive a total scale score for the test, which is the sum of the student's scale scores for all four modalities. For example, if a student earned a scale score of 60 in each of the four modalities, the student's total scale score would be 240.
