

ESL ACRONYMS

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- 1.) **What is a HLS?** Home Language Survey; a form that every student or parent of the student must complete at the time of initial enrollment; federal requirement under the Office for Civil Rights (began as a requirement in the mid-1960's).
- 2.) **What is a NOM?** National Origin Minority student (an old term for what is really a language minority student); one who lists a language other than English on his Home Language Survey (HLS), which means that he must be assessed with the State-mandated English proficiency test within 30 days of enrollment.
- 3.) **What is LEP?** Limited English Proficient; the federal identification given to students who score below fully proficient in at least one domain on the state-mandated English proficiency test, which is currently the W-APT and ACCESS; also known as ELL – English Language Learner.
- 4.) **What is MFLEP?** Monitored Former Limited English Proficient; the federal identification given to students who have exited LEP status; Title III requires these students to be monitored for two years after their exit year, so they are then called MFLEP1 and MFLEP2; documents are completed each fall to monitor their success and are generated from the EASi system.
- 5.) **What is the RoA form?** Review of Accommodations form; the State-mandated form to document what testing accommodations were actually used during EOGs and EOCs (and other tests as applicable); first used in spring 2010.
- 6.) **What are AMAOs?** Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives; a type of additional Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Limited English Proficient (LEP) students that is measured in two types – progress and proficiency; data analyzed by the Testing and Accountability Division at the Department of Public Instruction after each spring window every year. *Making district AYP is the third target that must be met in order for AMAOs to be fully met.

- 7.) **What is ESL?** English as a Second Language; a method of instruction for students who are learning English as a new language; usually involves pulling students out of the regular class for specific English instruction.
- 8.) **What are the WIDA Standards?** World class Instructional Design and Assessment; the State-adopted standards for English language development; approved June, 2008 and mandated beginning with the 2008-2009 school year; Go to www.wida.us for more information.
- 9.) **What is NCLB?** No Child Left Behind; The federal legislation passed in 2001; there are nine titles in No Child Left Behind – Title III specifically addresses language acquisition programs for Limited English Proficient (LEP) students.
- 10.) **What is the W-APT test?** WIDA ACCESS Placement Test; the State-mandated proficiency test for determining limited English proficiency status upon initial enrollment beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.
- 11.) **What is the ACCESS test?** Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners; the State-mandated annual proficiency test for all identified LEP students; administered in February and March of each year; Go to www.wida.us for more information.
- 12.) **What is the CIE?** The Center for International Enrollment; a central enrollment area for all students enrolling in Wake County Schools who may be limited English proficient; Sylvia Kidd (skidd2@wcpss.net) is the coordinator; center began enrolling students from all schools September 24, 2009 and has enrolled and tested over 5000 students in two years.
- 13.) **What is BICS?** Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills; the simple “playground talk” that students learn first; research has said it typically takes 1-2 years to develop.
- 14.) **What is CALP?** Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency; the more difficult, academic language students experience in school; research has said it typically takes 5-7 years to develop.
- 15.) **What is SIOP?** Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol; a research-validated framework which enhances instructional delivery while simultaneously addressing language development; a method of instruction that incorporates specific language objectives into each lesson; both language and content objectives are given equal weight and posted in child-friendly language; developed by 3 researchers (Short, Echevarria, and Vogt) at the Center for Applied Linguistics, Washington, D.C. in the mid and late 90’s.
- 16.) **What is C-MAPP?** Curriculum Management Application; The electronic storehouse of all curricula in the Wake County Public School System; accessed from Intranet under “Business Applications” here: <http://cmapp.wcpss.net/>