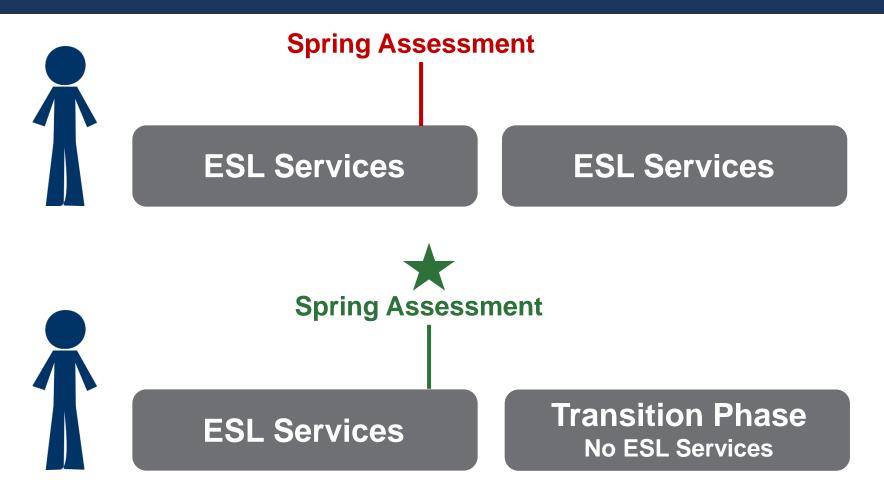


# **ESL Program Policy 3.207**

July 25, 2019

### Background





#### Rationale

Increased access to, and participation in, academic and nonacademic opportunities

Meaningful access to content coursework

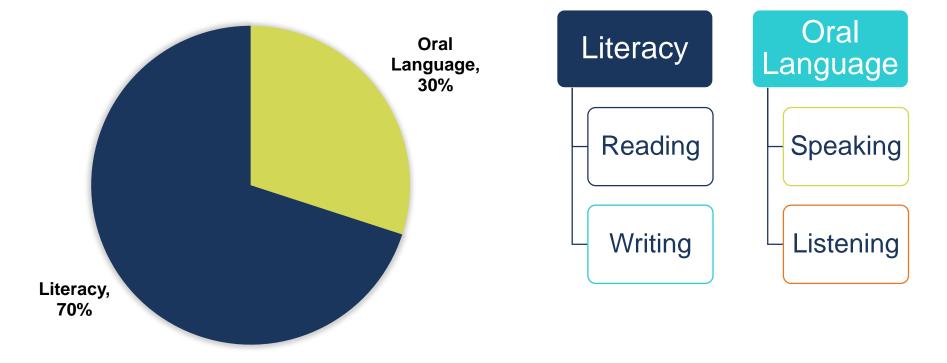




### Updating WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Exit Criteria

#### WIDA ACCESS 2.0

#### OVERALL COMPOSITE LEVEL





#### **Proposed Change**

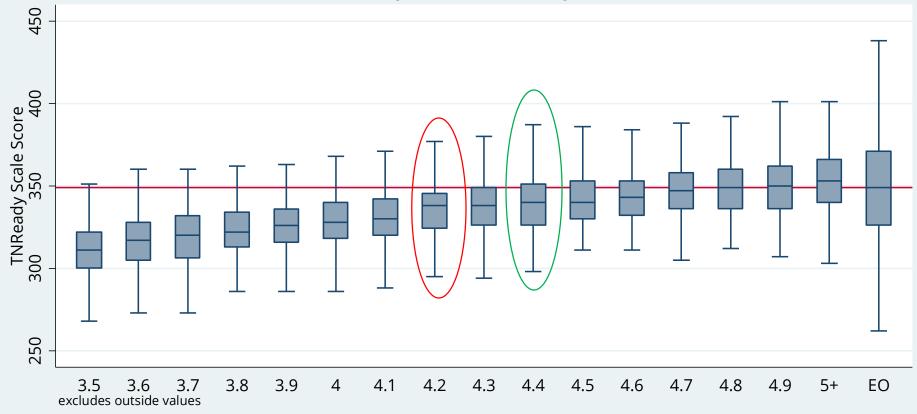
#### Composite: 4.2 Literacy: 4.0

Composite: 4.4 Literacy: 4.2



#### **Descriptive Box Plot Analysis**

ELA TNReady Scale Scores by WIDA Level









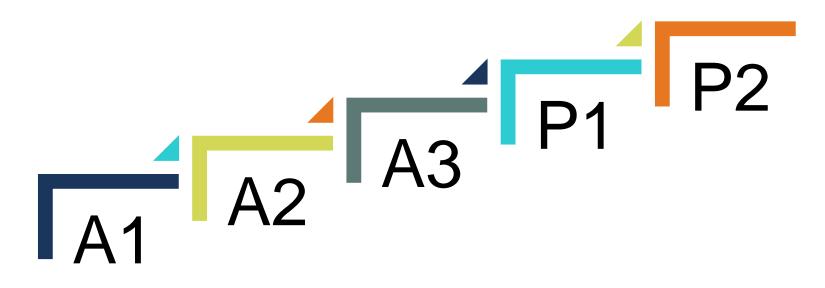




### Setting WIDA Alt Exit Criteria

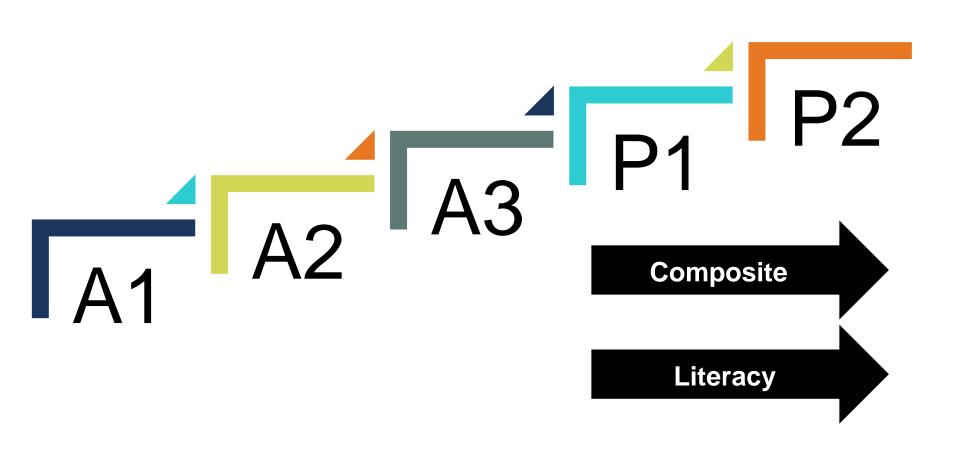
#### **Background on WIDA Alt**

- WIDA Alt is the English Language Proficiency Assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities
- Administered to ~1% of EL students in Tennessee since 2017



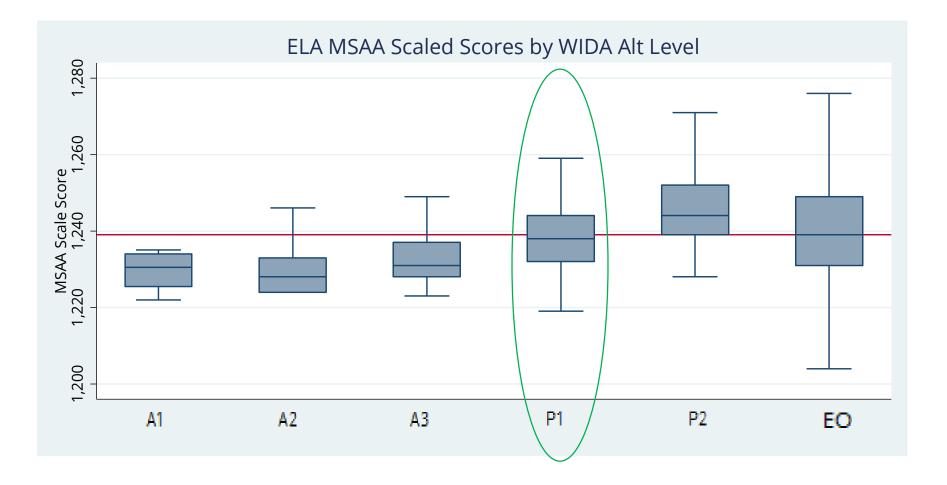


#### **Proposed Exit Criteria**





#### **Descriptive Box Plot Analysis**













## Impact

#### **Estimated Impact\***

- Exit rates for EL students would decrease by approximately 4% statewide:
  - Current Criteria = 7,681
  - Proposed Criteria = 5,417

\*Based on 2018-19 WIDA results



#### In Summary...

- Our most recent data suggests that increasing the WIDA ACCESS exit criteria is appropriate in order to ensure that students have the English language proficiency needed to be successful in content coursework.
- WIDA Alt participants are not currently able to exit ESL services. Our analysis suggests that a P1 exit criteria is both equitable and academically appropriate.
- These exit criteria proposals will result in a lower overall exit rate for EL students which will require districts to provide ESL services to a greater number of students.





