

Greetings

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer.

The Office of Assessment and Accountability (OAA) would like to share a great opportunity for your teachers to participate in an upcoming project conducted by KDE/OAA. OAA would appreciate your assistance in recommending teachers whom you feel would be ideal participants for this work. Last year, the Alternate ACCESS for English Learners standards underwent an operational assessment and standards setting. As a result, the department must reevaluate and possibly reclassify the exit criteria.

Reclassification Criteria for Alternate English Language Learners (ELL)

The purpose of this critical process is to identify new criteria for reclassifying Alternate ELL students who take the Alternate ACCESS. This will involve participating in a virtual meeting to review data and discuss the language skills of students ready to exit from language assistance services.

The meeting(s) is planned for September 2025 and will take approximately six hours. To be better prepared in our planning, we are asking that you share this communication with your ELL and Alternate ELL teachers as soon as possible.

Teachers who are interested in participating in this work should complete the google survey, which will assist in determining the date and time of the meeting. A decision has not been made regarding whether the meetings will take place during the evening or on Saturdays. All participants will receive an honorarium of \$187.50 for completing the work.

We hope you will share the information and encourage your teachers to participate in this important work. If they are interested, they should complete the [participation form](#) by **Monday, August 18, 2025**.

Thank you so much for your support and all that you do for the students in Kentucky.

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