

**Manassas Park City Schools, Parent Notification of English Language Proficiency Level (WIDA MODEL)**  
Kindergarten/First Grade Students (first semester)

**To:** The parents/guardians of \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

A home language survey indicated the need to test your son/daughter for proficiency in English. Therefore, your son/daughter took World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) MODEL Test.

Students who are entering kindergarten or first semester of grade 1 are tested in listening and speaking English. For kindergarten students, test results are used to inform classroom literacy and language instruction. For first grade students, test results are used to inform classroom literacy instruction and to determine placement in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs and services. Depending on your student’s oral language proficiency and grade, the teacher may administer an optional reading and writing assessment. This is used for diagnostic purposes.

Your child’s oral English proficiency score is noted below. The state’s English Language Proficiency levels determine ESOL services, which are explained in the attached Annual Parent Notification letter.

<b>Student’s Oral Proficiency Level</b>	<b>Proficiency Levels</b>	<b>Description of English Language Proficiency Levels</b>
	<b>1-Entering</b>	Knows and uses minimal social language and minimal academic language with visual support
	<b>2- Beginning</b>	Knows and uses some social English and general academic language with visual support
	<b>3-Developing</b>	Knows and uses social English and some specific academic language with visual support
	<b>4-Expanding</b>	Knows and uses social English and some technical academic language
	<b>5-Bridging</b>	Knows and uses social and academic language working with grade level material
	<b>6- Reaching 1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	Knows and uses social and academic language at the highest level measured by this test
	<b>6- Reaching 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Years</b>	Knows and uses social and academic language at the highest level measured by this test

Manassas Park City Schools’ English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program is aligned with the **WIDA English Language Proficiency Standards** (<http://www.wida.usstandards/>). At Cougar Elementary School, the kindergarten program emphasizes oral language and beginning reading skills. ESOL teachers work with kindergarten students in content area subjects to build vocabulary and English language skills. Children in grades one and beyond receive ESOL services based on their proficiency level. Students may receive instruction from the ESOL teacher in specific subject areas, or be placed in a regular education classroom with support from the ESOL teacher.

Students with strong English language proficiency skills (Level 6) do not receive ESOL services. Rather, the classroom and ESOL teachers monitor their English and academic performance. Students exit the ESOL program when their overall score on the English language proficiency test shows that they are fully proficient in English. **You have the right to remove your son or daughter from ESOL services at any time upon written request.**

If you have questions or concerns regarding the information that you have received, please don’t hesitate to call me at 703-392-1317.

Thank you,

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**ESOL Teachers**  
**Cougar Elementary School**

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**Date**