

**Student
Identification
for ELL
Services**

All states, local education agencies, and schools in the United States must have and implement a legally acceptable means of identifying limited English speaking students. This obligation is enforced by various federal laws upheld by the Office of Civil Rights.

Sweetwater School District #1 identifies students in accordance with state and federal requirements in the following manner:

1. A home language survey is administered as a part of the student enrollment in the school district to determine whether the student comes from a home where a language other than English is spoken.
2. If there is an indication that the student comes from a non-English speaking background, the student is then assessed using the WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) to determine their level of English language proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening.
3. Student screening with the WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) must be done within 30 days after the beginning of school (NCLB, Sec. 3302[d]), or two weeks from the time of student enrollment, if enrollment is after the start of the school year INCLB, Sec. 3302[d]).