

To: Principals, LEP Directors/Coordinators and Curriculum Directors
From: Maria F. Lindia
Office of assessment
Re: English language proficiency standards and strategic reading for meeting the state standards
Date: January 8, 2004

As you know under federal NCLB guidelines each state must develop English language proficiency standards and an English language proficiency test based on those standards. Rhode Island implemented the MAC II as its assessment and has developed new English language proficiency standards as a partner in a multi-state consortium. Workshops are planned to roll out of the new English Proficiency Standards and teaching and learning strategies for reading and writing for LEP students. The date and locations are listed below. Please register selected staff members from your school, that work with LEP students to attend three workshops on English language proficiency standards and reading strategies for meeting the state standards to be held in February. For ESL teachers, LEP directors/ coordinators, this is a critical source of information.

We are unable to accommodate every ESL teacher, consequently we are asking principals and LEP directors/coordinators to nominate teachers from elementary, middle and high schools who will get the training and go back to share the information with the remaining teachers. Attached we have provided a sheet indicating the number of slots available to each district. The number of slots was determined by the number of LEP students in the district

This year in the spirit of the new millennium you will register “on-line” for the three sessions. Directions for registration are attached. The workshops are on Thursday February 12, Monday February 23, and Tuesday February 24.

You must register for all sessions. Space is limited and we are unable to accept walk ins. Therefore, you are encouraged to register early using the “on-line” procedure. If your best efforts to register do not succeed, Melissa Cabral will assist you telephone 222-4600 x.2101 or email her at rid00855@ride.ri.net.

The workshop agendas are attached.

Cc: superintendents
Mary Ann Snider

**Registration procedure for workshops on English
language proficiency standards and strategic
reading for meeting state standards**

To sign up for one of the training session, simply go to eRIDE (<http://131.109.26.242/>), click on trainings/Workshops on the side-menu. You do not need to login in order to sign up. However, if you do have an eRIDE account, it will save you time in completing the signup form if you login first. Once you click on the “sign up” button an email confirmation will be automatically sent to you within minutes.

Workshops locations and time

February 12	8:30 to 3:30	Radisson Airport Hotel 2081 Post Road Warwick
February 23	8:30 to 3:30	Sheraton Airport Hotel 1850 Post road Warwick
February 24	8:30 to 3:30	Sheraton Airport Hotel 1850 Post Road Warwick

Tentative Agenda for February 12, 2004

Introducing the WIDA K-12 English Language Proficiency Standards

- I. The goals and history of the WIDA Consortium
- II. A description of the enhanced assessment system
- III. The rationale for English Language Proficiency Standards
- IV. The development of the English Language Proficiency Standards
- V. The performance definitions
- VI. The features and organization of the English Language Proficiency Standards document
 - a) The frameworks
 - b) The grade level clusters
 - c) The standards
 - d) The language domains
 - e) The language proficiency levels
 - f) The model performance indicators
- VII. Vertical and horizontal alignment of the model performance indicators
- VIII. Ideas for expanding the model performance indicators across large scale state and classroom frameworks
- IX. Ideas for expanding the model performance indicators across language domains
- X. Ideas for the development of activities, tasks, and projects
- XI. Potential uses for the English Language Proficiency Standards