ALL ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) EXIT CRITERIA & Pre-K CHANGES

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2009-2010?

- Per rule 6A.6.0903 all English Language Learners in grades K-12 must comply with the new ESOL Program exit criteria consisting of two measures:
 - Grades K-2 a score of proficient on the CELLA composite score and the score of proficient on the CELLA Reading AND a score FES on the IPT-I.
 - o Grades 3-12 a required score of Level 3 or greater or the equivalent developmental scale score on the FCAT Reading **AND** a score of proficient on the CELLA composite score and a score of proficient on the CELLA Reading tested on grade level. CELLA Proficiency Scores can be found in the ESOL Handbook. If only one measure is met, an ELL Committee is convened to determine placement.
- ★ Students who were served in Pre-K as ELL (LY-T), and tested with the IPT-I before the start of their (kindergarten) school year are to be classified as ZZ if they do not meet entry criteria. If the students are tested after the start of the school year, and do not meet entry criteria, an ELL Committee must be convened to determine placement. If exiting the program is recommended, students are to be classified as LF and monitored for two years.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Ensure that ELL students are being exited using the correct criteria in a timely manner.
- Ensure that Pre-K ELLs are coded correctly on TERMS.
- ♠ Ensure that ELL Committee meetings are convened to determine placement of students who meet one measure but not the other. Refer to the ESOL Handbook for a listing of the members of an ELL Committee. Refer to the Database Handbook, found at the Multicultural, ESOL and Program Services Department for further information.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- The school/district will be out of compliance.
- Students who meet the exit criteria and are not exited will remain in the ESOL program and will continue to be included in the ELL subgroup for AYP status.
- Schools will be required to monitor students that may not require these services.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

 Administration, Guidance Counselor/Director, ESOL Contact, Teachers, and Data Processing Clerk

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

★ Communication will be sent via email, ESOL CAB conference, meetings and department website.

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