



**WIDA**™



Under the guidance of Federal Law, through the Office for Civil Rights, the Department of Justice, the United States Education Department, and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Newport News Public Schools assesses all level 1-4.3 students that are in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, using the *World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment-Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Learners* (WIDA-ACCESS for ELs) every year.

The WIDA-ACCESS for ELs assesses English Learners (ELs) in all four domains of language development: *Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing*. ELs must obtain a comprehensive score of 4.4 or higher to exit the ESL program. Students that are dually identified as both ESL and SWD (Students with Disabilities), *may qualify* to receive the *Alternate WIDA-ACCESS for ELs* assessment.

For more information, please contact the ESL Department.