

English Language Learner (ELL) Initial Assessment Information

WHO will be sent to the Welcome Centre for ELL Initial Assessments?

- Grades 1 to 12 students **NOT** born in Canada.
- Grades 1 to 12 students born in Canada **AND** English is **NOT** their first language.

WHY does my child/children require an ELL Initial Assessment?

- ELL Initial Assessments provide teachers with information about your child's/children's reading, writing, and listening/speaking abilities. With this information and depending on your child's/children's strengths, teachers/counsellors will be able to develop appropriate education plans as ELL initial (placement) assessments at the WC are intended to identify:
 - the student's current level of English proficiency.
 - the student's eligibility for ELL services.
 - the extent and range of ELL services needed.

WHAT is an ELL Initial Assessment and **WHAT** do the results mean?

- The components of the assessment are **speaking and listening, reading, writing, and vocabulary (secondary only)**.
- For secondary students, the results can determine the courses the student is eligible to enroll in and the level and extent of ELL services provided.
- For elementary students, the results determine the level and extent of ELL services provided.
- The final results of the assessment are available at the student's school.
- **In preparation for the assessment your child/children should relax and be open and friendly with the assessment teacher. You do not have to bring anything specific for the assessment.**