

Home Language Survey Form: Step 1

Introduction

This survey is the first of three steps to identify whether or not a student is eligible to be an English language learner (ELL).

Instructions

Start with "Question 1" and continue until the HLS is complete. Select the answer for each question and follow the instructions. When you arrive at a decision ("Proceed to Records Review Process" or "Do not proceed to Records Review Process"), the Home-Language Survey is complete.

Student Information

Student name:

Student birth date:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone number:

Survey Questions

Question 1

What was the first language used by the student?

A language other than English. Proceed to question 2a.

English. Proceed to question 2b.

Question 2a

At home, does the student hear or use a language other than English more than half of the time?

Yes. Proceed to question 7.

No. Proceed to question 4.

Question 2b

At home, does the student hear or use a language other than English more than half of the time?

Yes. Proceed to question 4.

No. Proceed to question 3.

Question 3

Does the student understand a language other than English?

Yes. Proceed to question 4.

No. Proceed to 9.

Question 4

When interacting with his/her parents or guardians, does the student use a language other than English more than half of the time?

Yes. Proceed to question 7.

No. Proceed to question 5.

Question 5

When interacting with caregivers other than their parents or guardians, does the student use a language other than English more than half of the time?

Yes. Proceed to 8.

No. Proceed to question 6.

Question 6

Has the student recently moved from another school district/charter school where he/she was identified as an English language learner?

Yes. Proceed to 8.

No. Proceed to 9.

Question 7

What are the home languages spoken? List below and proceed to 8.

8. Proceed to Step 2: Records Review Process (To be completed by NJ Certified

Staff only – Reference [ESSA ELL Entry and Exit Guidance](#), p. 4).

Home Language Survey is complete.

9. Do not proceed to Step 2: Records Review Process.

Home Language Survey is complete. Student is not an English-Language Learner (ELL)