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# ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND THEIR ACADEMIC AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION PROGRESS: 2015-2016 

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## INTRODUCTION

This report is intended to address the following three areas. First, it describes the demographic characteristics of students classified as English Language Learners (ELL). Second, it compares and contrasts the academic achievement of students in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program on the 2015 and 2016 Florida Standards Assessments (FSA), Endof Course (EOC), and Advanced Academics assessments. Third, it describes the baseline results of ELL students on the new English Language Proficiency assessment knows as ACCESS for ELLs 2.0. Each of these three areas is described in a separate section of the report.

When a student enrolls in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for the first time, a language survey inquiring about student and parent language use is completed. If the student's or parents’ primary language is not English, the student is tested to determine his/her English proficiency. Based on the results of this assessment, the student is either classified as an English Language Learner (ELL) or deemed proficient in English. The English proficiency level for ELL students can range from ESOL 1 (lowest) to ESOL 4 (highest). ELL students are enrolled in specific ESOL courses tailored to meet students’ language needs. The students' English proficiency levels are reassessed annually, and the appropriate ESOL placement is determined. Once it is ascertained that a student has acquired English proficiency, the student no longer participates in any ESOL course and is considered as having exited the ESOL program. At this point, the student is classified as formerly ELL (ESOL level 5); during the two-year period following the exit from the ESOL program, the student retains this status and the student's academic achievement is monitored.

In this report, the achievement of students in the ESOL program is disaggregated by grade and ESOL level. For comparison purposes, formerly ELL and non-ELL categories are included in the report. The non-ELL category includes students who have been out of the ESOL program for two years or longer, as well as those who have never been classified as ELL students.

## SECTION I <br> 2015-2016 STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

This section describes certain demographic characteristics of ELL and non-ELL students in the District as of February 2016. Table 1 below exhibits demographic features for all K-12 students in the District disaggregated by their ELL status, race/ethnicity, free/reduced price lunch (FRL) status, SPED status, and student language.

Table 1
2015-2016 Demographic Characteristics of Students in Grades K-12 by ELL Status

|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { ELL } \\ (\mathrm{n}=68,329) \end{gathered}$ |  | Formerly ELL$(\mathrm{n}=32,450)$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Non-ELL } \\ (\mathrm{n}=257,059) \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | n | \% | n | \% | n | \% |
| 宽 | Asian | 597 | 0.9 | 279 | 0.9 | 3096 | 1.2 |
|  | Black | 5172 | 7.6 | 2321 | 7.2 | 70191 | 27.3 |
|  | Hispanic | 60573 | 88.6 | 28942 | 89.2 | 158475 | 61.6 |
|  | White | 1895 | 2.8 | 851 | 2.6 | 23113 | 9.0 |
|  | Other | 92 | 0.1 | 57 | 0.1 | 2184 | 0.8 |
|  | Free | 55225 | 80.8 | 25193 | 77.6 | 166188 | 64.6 |
|  | Reduced | 2679 | 3.9 | 1798 | 5.5 | 16051 | 6.2 |
|  | Non-FRL | 10425 | 15.3 | 5459 | 16.8 | 74820 | 29.1 |
|  | Spanish | 59644 | 87.3 | 28452 | 87.7 | 100820 | 39.2 |
|  | Haitian Creole | 4680 | 6.8 | 2127 | 6.6 | 7063 | 2.7 |
|  | Other | 4005 | 5.9 | 1871 | 5.7 | 149176 | 58.1 |
|  | Gifted | 790 | 1.2 | 2380 | 7.3 | 41135 | 16.0 |
|  | Specific Learning <br> Disabled | 3058 | 4.5 | 2017 | 6.2 | 9734 | 3.8 |
|  | Other SPED | 3815 | 5.6 | 1546 | 4.8 | 15471 | 6.0 |
|  | Non-SPED | 60666 | 88.8 | 26507 | 81.7 | 190719 | 74.2 |

Note: The percentages shown in Table 1 are those for subcategories of a particular demographic characteristic within each of the three ELL groups: ELL, formerly ELL, or non-ELL.

Table 1 shows that ELL students, as a group, differ from students in the formerly ELL and nonELL groups on some important characteristics. Overall, ELL students are more likely to be eligible for the federal free/reduced price lunch program (the eligibility for which is based on the household income) than students in the non-ELL group. In addition, ELL students are much less likely to be classified as gifted than are students in the other two groups.

## SECTION II <br> 2015 AND 2016 FSA AND EOC ASSESSMENT RESULTS BY ELL STATUS

This section compares and contrasts the academic achievement of students in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program on the 2015 and 2016 state as well as certain national and international exams. It is separated into several subsections dealing with different academic disciplines.

## 2015 and 2016 FSA English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Results

Overall, 20\% of current ELL students in Grades 3-5 performed at or above achievement level 3 on the ELA component of the 2016 FSA, the same percentage as in 2015. The corresponding figures for Grades $3-5$ for the mathematics subtest of the FSA were $36 \%$ and $32 \%$ for the years 2016 and 2015, respectively.

In Grades 6-8, $11 \%$ of current ELL students performed within achievement levels 3-5 on the ELA component of the 2016 FSA compared with $12 \%$ in 2015. The corresponding figures for Grades 6-8 for the mathematics subtest of the FSA were $24 \%$ in 2016 and $23 \%$ in 2015.

In Grades 9-10, about 9\% of current ELL students performed within achievement levels 3-5 on the ELA component of the 2016 FSA, compared with $8 \%$ in 2015.

It is noteworthy that higher percentages of formerly ELL students in Grades 3 and 4 scored within achievement levels 3-5 on both the ELA and mathematics components of the 2016 FSA than non-ELL students.

Table 2 shows student academic achievement disaggregated by student ESOL/ELL classification status for each of the grade levels. The results show that in most cases the percentages of students at each grade level scoring at achievement level 3 or higher increase as students gain English proficiency moving from one ESOL level to the next. Note that the following table exhibits the academic performance of different groups of students for two academic years.

Table 2
Number and Percentage of Students scoring at or above achievement level 3 by ELL status on the FSA in 2015 and 2016

|  |  | ELA |  |  |  |  |  | Mathematics |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |  |  | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |  |  |
|  |  | Total n | $$ |  | Total n | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Levels 3-5 } \\ \mathrm{n} & \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | Total n | $$ |  | Total n | $\begin{gathered} \text { Levels 3-5 } \\ \text { n } \quad \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | ESOL 1 | 1555 | 79 | 5 | 1690 | 84 | 5 | 1557 | 300 | 19 | 1691 | 392 | 23 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 937 | 113 | 12 | 714 | 71 | 10 | 934 | 278 | 30 | 712 | 239 | 34 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 1856 | 359 | 19 | 1544 | 269 | 17 | 1853 | 590 | 32 | 1543 | 571 | 37 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 2552 | 1010 | 40 | 2193 | 760 | 35 | 2550 | 1264 | 50 | 2179 | 1215 | 56 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 5671 | 4472 | 79 | 6151 | 4620 | 75 | 5667 | 4658 | 82 | 6286 | 5182 | 82 |
|  | Non-ELL | 15317 | 8653 | 56 | 15498 | 9280 | 60 | 15287 | 9699 | 63 | 15369 | 10353 | 67 |
|  | ESOL 1 | 1365 | 53 | 4 | 1483 | 65 | 4 | 1440 | 251 | 17 | 1586 | 308 | 19 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 917 | 71 | 8 | 1153 | 116 | 10 | 918 | 199 | 22 | 1165 | 296 | 25 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 2073 | 428 | 21 | 2182 | 471 | 22 | 2078 | 736 | 35 | 2192 | 841 | 38 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 1191 | 582 | 49 | 1304 | 722 | 55 | 1191 | 717 | 60 | 1307 | 850 | 65 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 3693 | 2369 | 64 | 4309 | 2870 | 67 | 3702 | 2632 | 71 | 6248 | 4872 | 78 |
|  | Non-ELL | 15645 | 10055 | 64 | 16351 | 10020 | 61 | 15664 | 10891 | 70 | 14531 | 9388 | 65 |
|  | ESOL 1 | 1410 | 45 | 3 | 1700 | 76 | 4 | 1489 | 219 | 15 | 1801 | 371 | 21 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 791 | 63 | 8 | 706 | 75 | 11 | 794 | 149 | 19 | 704 | 189 | 27 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 1838 | 322 | 18 | 1380 | 258 | 19 | 1839 | 471 | 26 | 1381 | 475 | 34 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 1434 | 500 | 35 | 965 | 412 | 43 | 1444 | 580 | 40 | 962 | 521 | 54 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 1477 | 863 | 58 | 1815 | 746 | 41 | 1478 | 851 | 58 | 5087 | 3046 | 60 |
|  | Non-ELL | 18287 | 11746 | 64 | 18711 | 12102 | 65 | 18362 | 11507 | 63 | 15472 | 10251 | 66 |
|  | ESOL 1 | 1324 | 41 | 3 | 1413 | 45 | 3 | 1419 | 154 | 11 | 1473 | 186 | 13 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 733 | 48 | 7 | 571 | 52 | 9 | 741 | 115 | 16 | 565 | 115 | 20 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 1376 | 164 | 12 | 746 | 109 | 15 | 1378 | 269 | 20 | 738 | 179 | 24 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 1114 | 237 | 21 | 419 | 128 | 31 | 1116 | 344 | 31 | 417 | 138 | 33 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 2555 | 1095 | 43 | 4035 | 1379 | 34 | 2494 | 1099 | 44 | 4167 | 1443 | 35 |
|  | Non-ELL | 18412 | 10889 | 59 | 17936 | 11134 | 62 | 18161 | 10451 | 58 | 17430 | 10174 | 58 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hat{y} \\ & \stackrel{0}{0} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | ESOL 1 | 1396 | 34 | 2 | 1511 | 31 | 2 | 1491 | 153 | 10 | 1580 | 189 | 12 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 733 | 43 | 6 | 579 | 54 | 9 | 731 | 104 | 14 | 579 | 141 | 24 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 1122 | 105 | 9 | 671 | 89 | 13 | 1115 | 184 | 17 | 665 | 167 | 25 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 1016 | 226 | 22 | 549 | 158 | 29 | 1003 | 315 | 31 | 532 | 211 | 40 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 2057 | 798 | 39 | 3708 | 1007 | 27 | 1953 | 784 | 40 | 4254 | 1468 | 35 |
|  | Non-ELL | 19251 | 11559 | 60 | 18714 | 11053 | 59 | 16457 | 8866 | 54 | 15484 | 8589 | 55 |

Table 2 (continued)

|  |  | Reading |  |  |  |  |  | Mathematics |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |  |  | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |  |  |
|  |  | Total n | $$ |  | Total n | $$ |  | Total n | $$ |  | Total n | $$ |  |
|  | ESOL 1 | 1417 | 20 | 1 | 1517 | 54 | 4 | 1436 | 224 | 16 |  | 352 | 23 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 677 | 52 | 8 | 643 | 98 | 15 | 637 | 138 | 22 | 606 | 206 | 34 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 848 | 133 | 16 | 648 | 158 | 24 | 750 | 189 | 25 | 592 | 193 | 33 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 806 | 266 | 33 | 463 | 187 | 40 | 655 | 252 | 38 | 385 | 142 | 37 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 1292 | 562 | 43 | 2794 | 965 | 35 | 918 | 356 | 39 | 2910 | 1042 | 36 |
|  | Non-ELL | 21337 | 13394 | 63 | 19860 | 13168 | 66 | 11328 | 4732 | 42 | 10579 | 4849 | 46 |
|  | ESOL 1 | 1513 | 23 | 2 | 1672 | 27 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ESOL 2 | 579 | 45 | 8 | 667 | 40 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ESOL 3 | 717 | 98 | 14 | 577 | 104 | 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ESOL 4 | 733 | 164 | 22 | 412 | 129 | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Formerly ELL | 1214 | 508 | 42 | 2151 | 692 | 32 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Non-ELL | 21998 | 13072 | 59 | 21050 | 12814 | 61 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ESOL 1 | 1275 | 9 | 1 | 1339 | 10 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ESOL 2 | 681 | 29 | 4 | 640 | 28 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ESOL 3 | 697 | 68 | 10 | 627 | 82 | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ESOL 4 | 678 | 169 | 25 | 437 | 115 | 26 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Formerly ELL | 877 | 349 | 40 | 1730 | 499 | 29 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Non-ELL | 21634 | 12007 | 56 | 21475 | 11988 | 56 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Note: in this and other tables of this section, the Formerly ELL group contains students who exited the ESOL program no earlier than on March 1 two years prior to the assessment year.

## 2015 and 2016 FCAT 2.0 Science Results

This part of Section II describes student academic performance on the science component of the 2015 and 2016 FCAT 2.0. Table 3 shows student performance on the science subtest disaggregated by student ESOL/ELL classification status for each of the grade levels.

Overall, only $16 \%$ of current ELL students in Grade 5 scored within achievement levels 3-5 on the science component of the 2015 FCAT 2.0. In 2016, the corresponding figure increased to about $17 \%$. Approximately $12 \%$ of the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade ELL students scored at or above achievement level 3 in 2015. This percentage remained approximately $12 \%$ in 2016.

The results exhibited in Table 3 reveal that the percentages of students at each grade level scoring 3 or higher increase as students gain English proficiency moving from one ESOL level to the next. Note that the table below exhibits the academic performance of different groups of students for two academic years.

Table 3
Number and Percentage of Students Scoring at or above Achievement Level 3 on the Science Component of the FCAT 2.02015 and 2016


## 2015 and 2016 End of Course Assessment Results

## Algebra 1

Students in grades 6-12 participated in the Algebra 1 EOC assessment during both 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. However, the numbers of ELL students participating in the test were small in all grades other than Grades 8 or 9 . Consequently, only the results of students in Grades 8 and 9 who participated in the spring assessments are reported in Table 4 below.

Table 4
Number and Percentage of Students Scoring at or above Achievement Level 3 on the 2015 and 2016 FSA Algebra 1 EOC Assessment

|  | ESOL/ELL <br> Status | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  |
|  |  |  |  | \% |  | n | \% |
| $\infty$응0 | ESOL 1 | 29 | 16 | 55 | 44 | 24 | 55 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 48 | 30 | 63 | 32 | 24 | 75 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 101 | 61 | 60 | 47 | 31 | 66 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 161 | 104 | 65 | 66 | 55 | 83 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 317 | 231 | 73 | 410 | 311 | 76 |
|  | Non-ELL | 6998 | 5455 | 78 | 5899 | 4980 | 84 |
|  | ESOL 1 | 1489 | 303 | 20 | 1600 | 244 | 15 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 555 | 171 | 31 | 622 | 163 | 26 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 661 | 205 | 31 | 533 | 183 | 34 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 618 | 217 | 35 | 331 | 115 | 35 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 857 | 303 | 35 | 1582 | 451 | 29 |
|  | Non-ELL | 11109 | 3900 | 35 | 10833 | 3740 | 35 |

Of the current ELL students in grade 8, approximately $62 \%$ scored within achievement levels 3-5 on the Algebra 1 EOC in the spring of 2015 . This percentage increased to $71 \%$ in 2016. On the other hand, the percentage of current ELL students in Grade 9 scoring within achievement levels 3-5 on the Algebra 1 EOC decreased from 27\% in 2015 to 23\% in 2016.

## Geometry

Students in grades 7-12 participated in the Geometry EOC assessment during both 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. However, the numbers of ELL students participating in the test were small in all grades other than Grades 9 or 10 . Consequently, only the results of students in these grades who participated in the spring assessments are reported in Table 5 below.

Table 5
Number and Percentage of Students Scoring at or above Achievement Level 3 on the 2015 and 2016 FSA Geometry EOC Assessment

|  | ESOL/ELLStatus | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total n | $\begin{gathered} \text { Levels } 3-5 \\ \text { n } \quad \% \end{gathered}$ |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { の } \\ & \text { シ } \\ & \text { ij } \end{aligned}$ | ESOL 1 | 28 | 3 | 11 | 20 | 1 | 5 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 23 | 10 | 43 | 18 | 8 | 44 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 47 | 25 | 53 | 37 | 17 | 46 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 94 | 43 | 46 | 60 | 35 | 58 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 350 | 7233 | 67 | 398 | 244 | 61 |
|  | Non-ELL | 8074 | 5647 | 70 | 6774 | 4833 | 71 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { o } \\ & \text { 흡 } \\ & \ddot{y} \end{aligned}$ | ESOL 1 | 1212 | 154 | 13 | 1273 | 160 | 13 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 648 | 153 | 24 | 596 | 144 | 24 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 640 | 149 | 23 | 589 | 166 | 28 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 589 | 181 | 31 | 375 | 109 | 29 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 716 | 272 | 38 | 1320 | 334 | 25 |
|  | Non-ELL | 12361 | 3958 | 32 | 10838 | 2831 | 26 |

Of the current ELL students in grade 9, approximately 42\% scored within achievement levels 3-5 on the Geometry EOC in the spring of 2015. In 2016, this percentage increased to $45 \%$. The percentage of current ELL students in Grade 10 scoring within achievement levels 3-5 on the Geometry EOC decreased slightly from 21\% in 2015 to 20\% in 2016.

## Algebra 2

Students in grades 8-12 participated in the Algebra 2 EOC assessment during both 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. However, the numbers of ELL students participating in the test were small in all grades other than Grade 11. Consequently, only the results of students in Grades 11 who participated in the spring assessments are reported in Table 6 below.

Table 6
Number and Percentage of Students Scoring at or above Achievement Level 3 on the 2015 and 2016 FSA Algebra 2 EOC Assessment

|  | ESOL/ELL <br> Status | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  |
|  |  |  | n \% |  |  | n | \% |
| $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & \underset{\sim}{*} \\ & \ddot{0} \end{aligned}$ | ESOL 1 | 547 | 43 | 8 | 291 | 46 | 16 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 430 | 45 | 10 | 255 | 53 | 21 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 405 | 52 | 13 | 327 | 71 | 22 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 484 | 62 | 13 | 251 | 75 | 30 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 642 | 144 | 22 | 844 | 223 | 26 |
|  | Non-ELL | 11527 | 1525 | 13 | 7989 | 1284 | 16 |

Of the current ELL students in grade 11, approximately $18 \%$ scored within achievement levels 35 on the Algebra 2 EOC in the spring of 2015. This percentage increased to $22 \%$ in 2016. It should be noted that formerly ELL students in grade 11, as a group, outperformed the non-ELL students on the 2016 FSA Algebra 2 EOC Assessment.

## Biology

Students in grades 8-12 participated in the Biology EOC assessment during both 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. However, the numbers of ELL students participating in the test were small in all grades other than grade 10. Consequently, only the results of students in Grades 10 who participated in the spring assessments are reported in Table 7 below.

Table 7
Number and Percentage of Students Scoring at or above Achievement Level 3 on the 2015 and 2016 Biology EOC Assessment

|  | ESOL/ELLStatus | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  |
|  |  |  | n |  |  | n | \% |
| $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 ن 0 ~ \end{aligned}$ | ESOL 1 | 1196 | 84 | 7 | 1306 | 103 | 8 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 626 | 121 | 19 | 592 | 120 | 20 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 624 | 174 | 28 | 569 | 179 | 31 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 603 | 251 | 42 | 376 | 153 | 41 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 746 | 430 | 58 | 1404 | 591 | 42 |
|  | Non-ELL | 12427 | 6720 | 54 | 11742 | 5999 | 51 |

Of the current $10^{\text {th }}$ grade ELL students, approximately $21 \%$ scored within achievement levels 3-5 on the 2015 Biology EOC. In 2016, this percentage decreased slightly to $20 \%$.

## US History

Students in grades 9-12 participated in the US History EOC assessment during both 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. However, the numbers of students participating in the test were
small in all grades other than grade 11. Consequently, only the results of students in Grade 11 who participated in the spring assessment are reported in Table 8 below.

Table 8
Number and Percentage of Students Scoring at or above Achievement Level 3 on the 2014 and 2015 US History EOC Assessment

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ESOL/ELL } \\ & \text { Status } \end{aligned}$ | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  |
|  |  |  | n | \% |  | n | \% |
| $\underset{\sim}{7}$ت0 | ESOL 1 | 893 | 46 | 5 | 877 | 46 | 5 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 619 | 66 | 11 | 566 | 64 | 11 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 586 | 119 | 20 | 558 | 137 | 25 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 607 | 203 | 33 | 377 | 164 | 44 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 755 | 433 | 57 | 1304 | 673 | 52 |
|  | Non-ELL | 18649 | 12123 | 65 | 18654 | 12457 | 67 |

Of the current $11^{\text {th }}$ grade ELL students, approximately $16 \%$ scored within achievement levels 3-5 on the 2015 US History EOC. In 2016, this figure increased to approximately $17 \%$.

## Civics

The results of students in Grade 7 who participated in the spring assessment by their ELL status are reported in Table 9.

Table 9
Number and Percentage of Students Scoring at or above Achievement Level 3 on the 2014 and 2015 Civics EOC Assessment

|  | ESOL/ELLStatus | 2014 |  |  | 2015 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  | Total n | Levels 3-5 |  |
|  |  |  | \% |  |  | n | \% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { N } \\ & \text { ön } \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | ESOL 1 | 1504 | 114 | 8 | 1659 | 162 | 10 |
|  | ESOL 2 | 739 | 124 | 17 | 593 | 147 | 25 |
|  | ESOL 3 | 1124 | 261 | 23 | 692 | 243 | 35 |
|  | ESOL 4 | 1027 | 419 | 41 | 551 | 311 | 56 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 2052 | 1144 | 56 | 3674 | 1795 | 49 |
|  | Non-ELL | 19392 | 13695 | 71 | 19038 | 13925 | 73 |

Of the current $7^{\text {th }}$ grade ELL students, approximately $21 \%$ scored within achievement levels 3-5 on the 2015 Civics EOC. In 2015, this figure increased to approximately 25\%.

## 2015 and 2016 Advanced Academics Results

This section describes student outcomes on the Advanced Placement (AP) and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) examinations. The outcome measure used here is the percentage of students "passing" an exam, where passing means achieving a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam or scores of E through A (or A*) on an AICE exam. The International Baccalaureate (IB) results are not included because neither current nor former ELL students participated in the IB exams in substantial numbers.

## AP Results

ELL students, as a group, participated in a variety of AP examinations in both 2015 and 2016. However, for only three AP exams, all in the area of World languages/literature, ELLs participated in substantial numbers. Table 10 shows student AP outcomes on these three exams.

Table 10
Number and Percentage of Students Passing Selected 2015 and 2016 AP Exams


## AICE Results

There was only one exam taken by ELL or former ELL students in appreciable numbers: Spanish Language. The results are shown in Table 11.

Table 11
Number and Percentage of Students Passing Selected 2015 and 2016 AICE Exam

|  | ELL Status | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total n | Passing |  | Total n | Passing |  |
|  |  |  |  | \% |  |  | \% |
| Spanish Language | ELL | 27 | 27 | 100 | 64 | 64 | 100 |
|  | Formerly ELL | 15 | 14 | 93 | 57 | 57 | 100 |
|  | Non-ELL | 144 | 128 | 89 | 239 | 237 | 99 |

## SECTION III PROGRESS OF ELL STUDENTS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Academic year 2015-2016 was the first year in which the new English language proficiency test was administered statewide. That test was Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners 2.0 (ACCESS for ELLs 2.0). The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessments replaced the Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA) testing, which was administered in previous years. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is a test of English language proficiency based on the multistate World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) consortium English Language Development Standards.

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 measures students' English language proficiency in four language domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. The assessment provides scale scores and proficiency levels in each of these domains as well as an overall composite scale score and proficiency level. Proficiency levels vary from 1 to 6 and are labeled (1) Entering, (2) Emerging, (3) Developing, (4) Expanding, (5) Bridging, and (6) Reaching. Level 6, or Reaching, is considered by WIDA as indicating proficiency in a particular English language domain. Proficiency level determinations are grade-level specific; proficiency levels prior to level 6 are reported as decimals. For example, proficiency level of 3.4 indicates that a student is at the Developing level of proficiency and has made four tenths of the way to the Expanding level. Tables 12 and 13 show the baseline outcomes on the 2016 ACCESS for ELLs.

Table 12
Numbers and Percentages of Students Scoring in the Levels 5 and 6 in the Listening and Speaking Modalities on the 2016 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

| 2016 Grade | Listening |  |  | Speaking |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total n | $\begin{gathered} \text { In Levels } 5-6 \\ \mathrm{n} \quad \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | Total n$9169$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { In Levels } \\ \text { n-6 } \\ \mathrm{n} \quad \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| K | 9189 | 5014 | 55 |  | 3062 | 33 |
| 1 | 10400 | 5751 | 55 | 10379 | 6000 | 58 |
| 2 | 9270 | 6350 | 69 | 9274 | 6702 | 72 |
| 3 | 6040 | 3670 | 61 | 6018 | 3653 | 61 |
| 4 | 6183 | 4050 | 66 | 6152 | 3643 | 59 |
| 5 | 4863 | 2669 | 55 | 4858 | 2867 | 59 |
| 6 | 3218 | 1274 | 40 | 3210 | 1813 | 56 |
| 7 | 3388 | 1268 | 37 | 3381 | 1920 | 57 |
| 8 | 3293 | 1165 | 35 | 3283 | 1837 | 56 |
| 9 | 3489 | 929 | 27 | 3483 | 1840 | 53 |
| 10 | 3257 | 952 | 29 | 3253 | 1802 | 55 |
| 11 | 2578 | 728 | 28 | 2580 | 1555 | 60 |
| 12 | 1572 | 365 | 23 | 1560 | 1062 | 68 |
| K-12 | 66740 | 34185 | 51 | 66600 | 37756 | 57 |

Table 13
Numbers and Percentages of Students Scoring in the Levels 5 and 6 in the Reading and Writing Modalities on the 2016 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

| 2016 Grade | Reading |  |  | Writing |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total n | In Levels 5-6 <br> n \% |  | Total n | In Lev n | $\begin{aligned} & 5-6 \\ & \% \end{aligned}$ |
| K | 9190 | 2394 | 26 | 9184 | 254 | 3 |
| 1 | 10391 | 5077 | 49 | 10451 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 9275 | 5161 | 56 | 9318 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 6050 | 3462 | 57 | 6084 | 369 | 6 |
| 4 | 6187 | 3530 | 57 | 6199 | 781 | 13 |
| 5 | 4868 | 2386 | 49 | 4874 | 244 | 5 |
| 6 | 3220 | 806 | 25 | 3227 | 14 | 0 |
| 7 | 3395 | 793 | 23 | 3401 | 1 | 0 |
| 8 | 3291 | 870 | 26 | 3310 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | 3496 | 1071 | 31 | 3507 | 745 | 21 |
| 10 | 3259 | 1114 | 34 | 3273 | 396 | 12 |
| 11 | 2588 | 1018 | 39 | 2593 | 205 | 8 |
| 12 | 1572 | 666 | 42 | 1577 | 45 | 3 |
| K-12 | 66782 | 28348 | 42 | 66998 | 3054 | 5 |

Table 14 shows ESOL exit rates in 2015-2016. The column labeled "Total n" refers to the number of ELLs as of February of 2016 who participated in the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0. The figures shown in the next two columns reflect those who exited the ESOL program based on the results of ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and other assessments. The State Board of Education established a rule for exiting the ESOL program. Under that rule, students must have achieved on overall proficiency level of at least 5 and score at least 4 in all modalities of the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0. In addition, students in grades 3 or above had to achieve at least level 3 on the ELA component of the FSA, and students in grades $10-12$ had to satisfy the reading graduation requirements.

Table 14
Numbers and Percentages of Students Exiting the ESOL Program in 2015-2016

| Grade | $2015-2016$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total n |  | Exited ESOL <br> n |  |  |
|  | 9120 | 584 | $\mathbf{6}$ |  |  |
| 1 | 10389 | 523 | $\mathbf{5}$ |  |  |
| 2 | 9261 | 248 | $\mathbf{3}$ |  |  |
| 3 | 6020 | 866 | $\mathbf{1 4}$ |  |  |
| 4 | 6128 | 1218 | $\mathbf{2 0}$ |  |  |
| 5 | 4798 | 824 | $\mathbf{1 7}$ |  |  |
| 6 | 3182 | 289 | $\mathbf{9}$ |  |  |
| 7 | 3370 | 260 | $\mathbf{8}$ |  |  |
| 8 | 3292 | 207 | $\mathbf{6}$ |  |  |
| 9 | 3428 | 305 | $\mathbf{9}$ |  |  |
| 10 | 3219 | 254 | $\mathbf{8}$ |  |  |
| 11 | 2582 | 258 | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |  |  |
| 12 | 1601 | 246 | $\mathbf{1 5}$ |  |  |
| K-12 | 66390 | 6082 | $\mathbf{9}$ |  |  |

