

## Language Acquisition-Related Acronyms

used in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Acronym	Meaning	Used to indicate...
ACCESS for ELLs® (or ACCESS)	Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners	WIDA's annual English proficiency test
BICS/CALP	Basic Interpersonal Communicative Skills / Cognitive-Academic Language Proficiency	A student's level of social and academic command of English; we have a checklist for teachers (our "white form")
ELL	English Language Learner	A student whose first language is not English
ELP	English Language Proficiency	A level of English proficiency attained by an ELL
ESL	English as a Second Language	A program or set of research-based teaching strategies for ELLs
HLS	Home Language Survey	Whether another language is present in the home; also known as Parent Language Questionnaire (our "purple form")
L <sub>1</sub>	Language 1	The student's first/native language
L <sub>2</sub>	Language 2	The new language (in our case, English)
LEP	Limited English Proficient	A student with deficiencies in English development due to having a first language other than English
SEI	Structured English Immersion	A research-based program of language development support in which teachers use a system of strategies in a mainstream classroom
SIOP	Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol	A research-based model that provides a structure for delivering high quality content instruction for ELLs
TOC	Teacher Observation Checklist	A teacher's observations of a student's English development skills/needs (our "pink form")
W-APT™	WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test	A "screeener" used to determine an ELL's need for services or support; also used to help determine tier placement for the ACCESS
WIDA	World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment	"WIDA supports academic language development and academic achievement for linguistically diverse students through high quality standards, assessments, research, and professional development for educators."
WIDA Consortium	World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment Consortium	Collection of WIDA member states