

Waiver for the New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL)

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

Based on your responses to the Home Language Questionnaire and your child's interview, your child may be an English Language Learner. As a result, he or she will complete a process that will assess English language skills.

This process includes a test called the **New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL)**. Please be aware of the following:

1. If your child is not going to school for in-person instruction, you may decide that he or she will not take the test.
2. If your child returns to school for any in-person instruction during the school year, he or she must take the test.
3. If the Governor closes schools during the current school year due to COVID-19, the test will not be required.

If your child is not going to school for in-person instruction and you do not want your child to take the test during this period, you should complete the form below, sign it, and return it to your child's school at the address provided.

Thank you.

Name of child:	Child's date of birth:
Name of child's parent / legal guardian:	Daytime phone number for parent / legal guardian:
Mailing address for the parent / legal guardian:	E-mail address of the parent / legal guardian:
Name of the school where the child is a student:	School mailing address, email address and contact (to be inserted by school)

My child is not going to school for in-person instruction for the 2020-21 school year.

I do not want my child to take the NYSITELL in the 2020-21 school year and waive the test while he or she is not going to school for in-person instruction.

If at any point during the 2020-21 school year my child transfers to a hybrid or in-person educational setting, I understand my child must take the NYSITELL within 10 school days.

*I also understand my child may receive **English as a New Language** services in accordance with a recommendation resulting from provisional identification as an English Language Learner in accordance with their Home Language Questionnaire and individual interview, both of which may have been conducted remotely.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

