



# Indiana Department of Education

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## Home Language Survey (HLS)

The Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI, Language Minority Compliance Procedures, requires school districts and charter schools to determine the language(s) spoken in each student's home in order to identify their specific language needs. This information is essential in order for schools to provide meaningful instruction for all students as outlined Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982).

The purpose of this survey is to determine the primary or home language of the student. The HLS must be given to all students enrolled in the school district / charter school. The HLS is administered one time, upon initial enrollment, and remains in the student's cumulative file.

Please note that the answers to the survey below are student-specific. If a language other than English is recorded for ANY of the survey questions below, the WIDA ACCESS placement test will be administered to determine whether or not the student will qualify for additional English language development support.

**Please answer the following questions regarding the language spoken by the student.**

By signing here, you certify that responses to the three questions above are specific to your student. *You understand that if a language other than English has been identified, your student will be tested to determine if he/she qualifies for English language development services, to help the student become fluent in English. If entered into the English language development program, your student will be entitled to services as an English learner and will be tested annually to determine English language proficiency.*

1. What is the native language of the **student**? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What language(s) is spoken most often by the **student**? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What language(s) is spoken by the **student** in the home? \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **For School Use Only:**

Place and date of birth verified with birth certificate: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Date copy sent to ELL coordinator (if a language other than English has been identified): \_\_\_\_\_

School personnel who administered and explained the HLS and the placement of a student into an English language development program if a language other than English was indicated:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_