Threshold for Native Language Assessments[1] – Impacts

The ESEA, as amended by the ESSA, requires that States "make every effort" to develop assessments in languages that are present "to a significant extent" in the participating student population.[2] The charts below analyze the impact of using a threshold (a percentage or total absolute number of ELs) to define the term "to a significant extent." The first shows a national snapshot of the total number of States with one or more languages that would meet each example threshold, the total number of native language assessments this could generate, and the total number of unique language assessments this could generate (by removing native language assessments that repeat across States). The second shows the State-by-State data for each example threshold by identifying the total number and the specific languages that would reach each example threshold. This chart is intended to give negotiators context for the extent to which States may be impacted by setting a threshold, including how this differs depending on the linguistic composition of each State's EL population.

National Summary Data for Example Thresholds										
Threshold % or # of ELs	**5%**	**5% or 1,000**	**10%**	**10% or 5,000**	**10% or 10,000**	**20%**	**20% or 10,000**	**30%**	**40%**	**50%**
States reaching threshold for one or more languages	50 States (and DC)	50 States (and DC)	49 States (and DC)	49 States (and DC)	49 States (and DC)	48 States (and DC)	48 States (and DC)	45 States (and DC)	44 States (and DC)	39 States (and DC)
Total potential native language assessments	101 assessments	164 assessments	65 assessments	78 assessments	70 assessments	50 assessments	59 assessments	45 assessments	44 assessments	39 assessments
Total potential unique language assessments	22 unique languages	32 unique languages	13 unique languages	19 unique languages	15 unique languages	5 unique languages	10 unique languages	3 unique languages	2 unique languages	1 unique language

State-by-State[3] Data: Number & Languages Reaching Example Thresholds										
Threshold % or # of ELs	**5%**	**5% or 1,000**	**10%**	**10% or 5,000**	**10% or 10,000**	**20%**	**20% or 10,000**	**30%**	**40%**	**50%**
Alabama	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Alaska	5*: Yupik, Spanish, Tagalog, Inupiaq, Hmong	5*: Yupik, Spanish, Tagalog, Inupiaq, Hmong	2: Yupik, Spanish	2: Yupik, Spanish	2: Yupik, Spanish	1: Yupik	1: Yupik	1: Yupik	1: Yupik	None
Arizona	1: Spanish	2: Spanish and Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Arkansas	2: Spanish and Marshallese	2: Spanish and Marshallese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
California	5*: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Arabic	5*: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Arabic	1: Spanish	5*: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Arabic	5*: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Arabic	1: Spanish	5*: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish

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[1] **Source**: Consolidated State Performance Report for school year 2013-14 on the U.S. Department of Education website – http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/consolidated/index.html. The Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR) is the required annual reporting tool for of each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico as authorized under Section 9303 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended.

[2] Title I, Part A, Section 1111(b)(2)(F)

[3] **Note**: Puerto Rico does not appear on this chart because the language of instruction in Puerto Rico's public school system is Spanish and its annual academic assessments as required under section 1111(b)(2) are provided in Spanish to all students.

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Colorado	1: Spanish	5*: Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Connecticut	1: Spanish	2: Spanish and Portuguese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Delaware	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
DC	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Florida	2: Spanish, Haitian	5*: Spanish, Haitian, Portuguese, Arabic, Vietnamese	1: Spanish	2: Spanish, Haitian	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	2: Spanish, Haitian	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Georgia	1: Spanish	4: Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Hawaii	5*: Ilokano, Chuukese, Marshallese, Tagalog, Spanish	5*: Ilokano, Chuukese, Marshallese, Tagalog, Spanish	3: Ilokano, Chuukese, Marshallese	3: Ilokano, Chuukese, Marshallese	3: Ilokano, Chuukese, Marshallese	1: Ilokano	1: Iloko	None	None	None
Idaho	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Illinois	1: Spanish	5*: Spanish, Arabic, Polish, Chinese, Urdu	1: Spanish	3: Spanish, Arabic, Polish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Indiana	1: Spanish	4: Spanish, Burmese, German, Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Iowa	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Kansas	1: Spanish	2: Spanish, Vietnamese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Kentucky	1: Spanish	2: Spanish, Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Louisiana	3: Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic	3: Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish

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Maine	4: Somali, Arabic, Spanish, French	4: Somali, Arabic, Spanish, French	2: Somali, Arabic	2: Somali, Arabic	2: Somali, Arabic	1: Somali	1: Somali	1: Somali	None	None
Maryland	1: Spanish	5*: Spanish, French, Chinese, Amharic, Vietnamese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Massachusetts	4: Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian, Chinese	5*: Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian, Chinese, Portuguese-based creoles/pidgins	1: Spanish	2: Spanish, Portuguese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Michigan	2: Spanish, Arabic	5*: Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, Albanian, Chinese	2: Spanish, Arabic	2: Spanish, Arabic	2: Spanish, Arabic	2: Spanish, Arabic	2: Spanish, Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	None
Minnesota	3: Spanish, Hmong, Somali	5*: Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Karen languages, Vietnamese	3: Spanish, Hmong, Somali	3: Spanish, Hmong, Somali	3: Spanish, Hmong, Somali	1: Spanish	3: Spanish, Hmong, Somali	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	None
Mississippi	2: Spanish, Arabic	2: Spanish, Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Missouri	1: Spanish	4: Spanish, Bosnian, Arabic, Vietnamese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Montana	1: German	1: German	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Nebraska	2: Spanish, Karen languages	2: Spanish, Karen languages	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Nevada	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
New Hampshire	3: Spanish, Nepali, Arabic	3: Spanish, Nepali, Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	None
New Jersey	1: Spanish	5*: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian, Korean	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish

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New Mexico	2: Spanish, Navajo	3: Spanish, Navajo, Nias	2: Spanish, Navajo	2: Spanish, Navajo	2: Spanish, Navajo	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
New York	2: Spanish, Chinese	5*: Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Bengali, Haitian	2: Spanish, Chinese	4: Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Bengali	2: Spanish, Chinese	1: Spanish	2: Spanish, Chinese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
North Carolina	1: Spanish	5*: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, Hmong	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
North Dakota	3: Spanish, Somali, Nepali	3: Spanish, Somali, Nepali	3: Spanish, Somali, Nepali	3: Spanish, Somali, Nepali	3: Spanish, Somali, Nepali	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	None	None	None
Ohio	3: Spanish, Somali, Arabic	4: Spanish, Somali, Arabic, Chinese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	None	None	None
Oklahoma	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Oregon	1: Spanish	3: Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Pennsylvania	2: Spanish, Chinese	5*: Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Nepali, Vietnamese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Rhode Island	2: Spanish, Portuguese-based creoles/pidgins	2: Spanish, Portuguese-based creoles/pidgins	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
South Carolina	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
South Dakota	5*: Spanish, German, Karen languages, Siouan languages, Nepali	5*: Spanish, German, Karen languages, Siouan languages, Nepali	3: Spanish, German, Karen languages	3: Spanish, German, Karen languages	3: Spanish, German, Karen languages	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	None	None	None
Tennessee	2: Spanish, Arabic	2: Spanish, Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Texas	1: Spanish	5*: Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, Chinese, Urdu	1: Spanish	3: Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic	2: Spanish, Vietnamese	1: Spanish	2: Spanish, Vietnamese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Utah	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish

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Vermont	5*: Nepali, Maay, Spanish, Chinese, Somali	5*: Nepali, Maay, Spanish, Chinese, Somali	1: Nepali	1: Nepali	1: Nepali	None	None	None	None	None
Virginia	2: Spanish, Arabic	5*: Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Urdu, Korean	1: Spanish	2: Spanish, Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Washington	1: Spanish	5*: Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Somali, Chinese	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
West Virginia	3: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese	3: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese	2: Spanish, Arabic	2: Spanish, Arabic	2: Spanish, Arabic	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	None
Wisconsin	2: Spanish, Hmong	2: Spanish, Hmong	2: Spanish, Hmong	2: Spanish, Hmong	2: Spanish, Hmong	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish
Wyoming	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish	1: Spanish

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