

Questions for the English Learner Screening Process



Questions to Ask Students

1. Where are you from?
2. What languages do you speak?
3. Did you go to school?
4. How many years did you go to school?
5. Do you go all of the time or just sometimes?
6. What language did the teacher use to teach?
7. What languages can you read?
8. What languages can you write?

Things to Consider when Screening

- Does reading/writing match their reported education?
- Was school taught in a language they understand?
- Can they read/write well enough for Google Translate? (e.g., Kinyarwanda does not have speech to text available.)
- For students from some countries, was it a regular school or a religious school?
- Don't assume students speak the language that a district-wide student information system shows.