



Multilingual Learner Exemption Guidance: Maine Through Year Assessment

Federal law, under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act section 1111(b)(3)(A) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, allows for a one-time exemption of “recently arrived English learners who have been enrolled in a school in one of the 50 States in the United States or the District of Columbia for less than 12 months” from the state summative reading or language arts assessment.

The Maine Through Year Assessment consists of both a required fall interim reading assessment and a required spring summative reading assessment. See the table below for dates for of the exemption of newly arrived multilingual learners from the fall and/or spring administrations of the Maine Through Year Assessment.

Newly Arrived Multilingual Learners Enrollment Start Dates	Interim Reading Fall 2024 (State Requirement)	Summative Reading Spring 2025 (Federal & State Requirement)	Interim Reading Fall 2025 (State Requirement)	Summative Reading Spring 2026 (Federal & State Requirement)
US School Entry Date: On or before October 25, 2023	Required	Required (No exemption; US School Entry Date is ≥12 months from the last day of the assessment administration)	Required	Required
US School Entry Date: October 26, 2023 to May 30, 2024	Optional	Required (No exemption; US School Entry Date is ≥12 months from the last day of the assessment administration)	Required	Required
US School Entry Date: May 31, 2024 to October 25, 2024	Optional	Optional (One-time exemption; US School Entry Date is <12 months from the last day of the assessment administration)	Required	Required
US School Entry Date: October 26, 2024 to May 30, 2025	N/A	Optional (One-time exemption; US School Entry Date is <12 months from the last day of the assessment administration)	Optional	Required