



Chicago Public Schools

ELL Functional Overview 2006-07 to 2007-08



Overview: The legacy SI system was highly automated with respect to the ELL program and provided bi-lingual staff functionality that was not native to 'off the shelf' software such as SIM. In the fall of 2006, the IMPACT team worked closely with the Office of Language and Cultural Education (OLCE) to craft a formal 'Statement of Work' that outlined mission critical additions to the SIM software that provided the requisite business logic. This document provides school based, bi-lingual lead teachers with an assessment of current and future SIM functionality with respect to the ELL and Transition Marker programs. The underlying purpose of this material is to help school based staff identify areas that may require immediate attention or corrective action in the software.

Function	SIM (2006-2007)	SIM (2007-2008)
Verify if an incoming student is new to district	Accommodated by software via district search. The SIM search function is highlighted in standard training material.	No change
Was the student previously a member of the ELL program?	Accommodated by software via <u>automated</u> overnight process. See 'Program Entry' below.	No change
Program Entry	Newly enrolled students are automatically placed in the ELL program in consideration of HLS answers and previous program participation. To clarify, if the previous program participation record shows that the student did not complete the program, they will be re-assigned. This logic is based off the list of ELL Exit Codes.	No change
Calculation of service break	Not currently accommodated in SIM.	This will be <u>automated</u> process in the 2007-2008 school year.
Enter HLS results (Home Language, 2 Indicators)	Clerks manually enter a student HLS result as part of the student enrollment process.	No change
Identify students to take W-APT based on indicators	A report has been created to identify students that need to take a screener examination. (See Instructions)	No change
Entry of W-APT test results	W-APT screener results are manually entered by school bi-lingual lead teachers. Please note that teachers are prohibited from adjusting a score once it has been entered. (See Instructions)	No change



Function	SIM (2006-2007)	SIM (2007-2008)
Based on W-APT score, determine program year, initial learner group and proficiency levels.	For the entirety of 2006-2007, the bilingual teacher will need to manually interpret the screener-test results and set the Program Year and Learner Group. Action Item: Bilingual lead teachers will need to apply initial proficiency values manually for students new to the program this year. (See Instructions)	The system will automatically assign an initial proficiency grid row based on student W-APT result.
Upon student transfer, terminate program participation at sending school	Currently accommodated via <u>automated</u> means	No change
Upon student transfer, update program participation at receiving school	Currently accommodated via <u>automated</u> means	No change
Enter Access Scores	For 2006-2007, any student Access results currently in the SI system (i.e. spring 2006) will be moved to a student's test page in SIM via the conversion mechanism. Access test results are 'view-only'.	The results from the Spring 2007 test will be imported via interface between REA and the ODS and made available in the SIM test module. Access test results are 'view-only'.
Update to student Proficiency based on Access Score. Including PY progressions.	This is not presently accommodated by the software as an automated process. However, all 'to date' proficiency grid information on a child is being brought over via conversion.	Moving forward, this is part of the ELL year end process. This will be ready for implementation when we receive the spring 2007 results in August.
Movement of student from ELL to Transition	Not currently accommodated by the software as an automated process.	Automated year end process will be ready for implementation in August 2007.
Progression of student from T1 to T2	Not currently accommodated by the software as an automated process.	Automated year end process will be ready for implementation in August 2007.