

EMIS Change 24-48

This change clarifies the reporting guidance for the English Learner Status Element when reporting pre-school and kindergarten students.

SECTION 2.5: STUDENT ATTRIBUTES—EFFECTIVE DATE (FD) RECORD

English Learner (EL) Status Element

Record Field Number	FD170
Definition	The English learner status of a student.

Valid Options

- N No**
The student is not classified as or is no longer classified as an English learner (a student with limited English proficiency).
- Y Yes**
The student is classified as an English learner who has been enrolled in U.S. schools where English is the main language of instruction for more than 360 school days (two school years).
- L EL – Enrolled in U.S. schools where English is the main language of instruction for 1st year**
A student identified as an English learner who has been enrolled in U.S. schools for **no** more than 180 school days (one school year).
- M EL – Trial-Mainstream**
An English learner classified in a Trial-Mainstream period. The Trial-Mainstream period is defined by the Department.
- S EL – Enrolled in U.S. schools where English is the main language of instruction for 2nd year**
A recently arrived student identified as an English Learner who has been enrolled in U.S. schools for more than 180 school days and no more than 360 days.

Reporting Instructions. A change in this element requires that the current FD Record be closed and a new record opened with appropriate Effective Start (when identified) and End (when the district/school exits the student from the language program) Dates. Therefore, a student may have multiple values for this element in the course of a school year. Note that the correction of an error does not constitute a “change” in the value of this element. As long as the correction represents the true value for a student as of the Effective Start Date on the record, an update to the value should be made without closing/opening a new record.

[Preschool students are identified differently than school-aged students. Options N and Y are the only valid options for PS students.](#)

[For kindergarten students, option Y should only be reported if the student is in the third year of kindergarten and option S should only be reported if the student is in the second year of kindergarten.](#)