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ELI Assessment Questions and Responses

The following are Department responses to vendor-submitted questions related to the Request for Approval (RFAP): Early Literacy Tools.

Note: Two questions were edited slightly to remove vendor-specific information. The intent of the question remains intact.

Vendor Question	Response
<p>[Our assessment] is currently on the list of approved universal Screeners. When will our current approved status expire?</p>	<p>The current approved list is being cleared and replaced with the publication of the updated list anticipated late Spring 2022. All current approved status will expire at that time.</p>
<p>If we have to reapply for universal screener approval, are we able to apply for just the screener, as previously permitted, or do we need to apply for both the screener and progress monitoring components?</p>	<p>A vendor may apply for universal screener only.</p>
<p>We anticipate having enough evidence to submit for the progress monitoring list in the future. [Our organization] understands that this review and approval is an annual process. Could the State please confirm that vendors will be able to submit on an annual basis?</p>	<p>The State cannot guarantee vendors an annual option to submit for the RFAP. The frequency of reopening the RFAP depends on available Department resources and time since the most recent RFAP.</p>
<p>Under the "Submitting Request for Approval" section of Iowa's RFAP Template, it states "This provided template must be used in the format provided." Does this statement mean that all vendors must drop in our responses to each item/criteria directly in the Word template released by Iowa Department of Education, OR is it acceptable if vendors copy the tables and formatting under each item/criteria in Iowa's template and then paste those tables into our own branded response documents?</p>	<p>Vendors are to use the provided Word template and included tables.</p>
<p>Under Item 2.3: English Availability, what is Iowa's requirement for assessments' availability in multiple languages?</p>	<p>The Department's requirement is that the assessment is available in English.</p>
<p>If we have assessments available in Spanish, can you please confirm whether or not we should plan to submit those assessments as part of our response to this RFAP?</p>	<p>It is not necessary to submit assessments available in Spanish. Iowa's early literacy requirements are for English, yet additional measures, if submitted, will be reviewed.</p>
<p>We noticed that the Iowa template includes Grades K-6. Is grade 6 required?</p>	<p>Submissions will be reviewed and approved on a per grade basis.</p>