



# 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.

<b>Newly Arrived Multilingual Learners First US Enrollment</b>	<b>Interim Reading Fall 2025 (State Requirement)</b>	<b>Summative Reading Spring 2026 (Federal &amp; State Requirement)</b>	<b>Interim Reading Fall 2026 (State Requirement)</b>	<b>Summative Reading Spring 2027 (Federal &amp; State Requirement)</b>
First US Enrollment: <b>On or before October 24, 2024</b>	Required	Required  (No exemption; US School Entry Date is $\geq 12$ months from the last day of the assessment administration)	Required	Required
First US Enrollment: <b>October 25, 2024 to May 29, 2025</b>	Optional	Required  (No exemption; US School Entry Date is $\geq 12$ months from the last day of the assessment administration)	Required	Required
First US Enrollment: <b>May 30, 2025 to October 23, 2025*</b>	Optional	Optional  (One-time exemption; US School Entry Date is $< 12$ months from the last day of the assessment administration)	Required	Required
First US Enrollment: <b>October 24, 2025 to May 28, 2026*</b>	N/A	Optional  (One-time exemption; US School Entry Date is $< 12$ months from the last day of the assessment administration)	Optional	Required

*\*Please note that the First US Enrollment dates for reading assessment exemptions for the 2026-27 school year are expected dates and will be finalized when the 2026-27 assessment calendar is finalized.*