The State Automated Reporting System (STARA) is used to collect data on students who come from non-English language backgrounds. School districts are required to report a number of data elements for these students who are referred to as Limited English proficiency (LEP) or English Language. This data is used for federal and state reporting, monitoring, and program funding. A definition of LEP is available at [http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/bilingual/tech/defin.pdf](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/bilingual/tech/defin.pdf). Information on school district responsibilities is available at [http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/bilingual/tech/index.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/bilingual/tech/index.shtm). LEP/ELL reports are due three times during the school year.

**Due September 15th – Initial LEP/ELL Student count**
LEP/ELL status of all students must be reported by September 15th. This report is used to estimate counts for the year and includes only basic information on students.

**Due January 5th – Mid-Year LEP/ELL Report**
All data fields for currently enrolled students must be completed in for the mid-year report. The information for this report is used for a number of purposes including: English language proficiency test labels, monitoring for state ELL program approval and estimation of grant awards.

**Due June 30th – Final Year LEP/ELL Report**
All new students must be added and data for LEP students must be completed by June 30th. The information for this report is used for a number of purposes including: final approval for state ELL program approval and allocations for state and federal funding for the next school year.

To complete the student record for students limited in English proficiency or English Language Learners complete the following steps:

1. Click on student’s name.
Click on your district name in the list of districts that appear to open the student record.
Click on “check out” to add information to the student’s record.

Check the box for Limited English proficiency.

Enter the information available under “Permanent Record”
- Heritage Language
  Add the student’s heritage language from the list of languages available in the scroll down box. If the language is not available, send an e-mail message to Mari Rasmussen at mrasmussen@nd.gov.
- Attainment Date
  The “attainment date” refers to the date when a student attains English language proficiency and is exited from ELL/LEP status. Enter this date only for students who have been exited.
- Initial W-APT Assessment - do not enter anything here.

Enter the information available under Student Detail Record
- Plan Manager (License Number)
  Enter the license number of the teacher responsible for the student’s Individual Language Plan. All students must be under the caseload of a teacher who holds an endorsement for English as a second language or bilingual education.
♦ Individual Language Plan
Enter the date the Individual Language Plan was developed or updated. Plans must be updated annually.

Limited English Proficiency Assessment
♦ Add W-APT Assessment
Enter the information requested for students who have been screened by the W-APT assessment.
♦ Annual English language proficiency assessment
This information will be pre-populated by the Department. There is no need to add information here.
For more information on identification, assessment and instruction of LEP/ELL students, please refer to the guidance at [http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/bilingual/standards/index.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/bilingual/standards/index.shtm).