

## **Definition of Categories 1 and 2 State Assessment Results**

In light of legislative requirements for the state of Arizona to report out English learners, results for the AIMS, AIMS Dual Purpose Assessment, and the TerraNova are being reported in two groups: Category 1 and Category 2. This separate reporting will be for both elementary and high school. Definitions for Category 1 and Category 2 are listed below:

**Category 1:** Category 1 results include students who are fully English proficient (FEP), or have been in an English language program (English Learner-EL) for four or more years, and have taken the test without non-standard accommodations. Thus, students who indicate the following on the answer document:

“FEP” or blank on Question 7, OR  
“EL” on Question 7 AND “4 or more years” on Question 8.

**NOTE:** For the years 2002-2004 high school EL students are included in Category 1 regardless of the number of years they have been in an English language program.

**Category 2:** Category 2 results include students whose first language is not English, and who are in the process of learning English, and who have taken the test without non-standard accommodations. All English learners, regardless of length of time classified as EL, are included in this category. Thus, students who indicate the following on the answer document:

“EL” on Question 7.

**Please note that Category 1 and Category 2 are NOT mutually exclusive because all English learner students are included in Category 2.**

For clarification, questions 7 and 8, as they appeared on the answer document, are listed below:

### **7. Level of English Proficiency (mark one)**

- EL (English Learner):** Child who does not speak English or whose native language is not English, and who is not currently able to perform ordinary classroom work in English.
- FEP (Fluent English Language Proficient):** A student who has met the requirements for exit from an English Language Learner program.

### **8. Beginning in Grade 1, number of years classified as identified in Question 7, including the current school year (mark one)**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more
- Records not available