Working Together to Support our English Learners

Quarterly Webinar

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3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Quarterly Webinars

- Began in 2017-18
- Information, updates, changes that are relevant at the time
- Webinar Google Presentation on EL webpage
- Recordings are emailed upon request
  - [https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/standards/english-learners/](https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/standards/english-learners/)
Change in the Assessment Name

- 2018-19 was the last year for ACCESS 2.0
- 2019-20 is ACCESS for ELLs
EL Guidebook and Other Resources

● EL Guidebook
  ○ Listed in:

● 19-20 ACCESS for ELLs Publications Available
  ○ ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Manual
  ○ District and School Test Coordinator Manuals
  ○ Accessibility and Accommodations Supplement
Newsletter

bullet Assessment Newsletter
  ○ The Assessment Division releases a newsletter every Friday
  ○ Weekly updates are available every Friday
    ■ You can subscribe to newsletter on the WDE Website: https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/state-assessment/newsletter/
      Go to: For Educators, State Assessment System, Assessment Newsletter or
    ■ Contact someone on the Assessment Team to add you
Professional Development 19-20 SY

- WIDA Workshops (face to face provided by WDE)
  - Listed in two different areas
    - WIDA Wyoming State Page [https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/wy](https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/wy)

- E-Learning Opportunities; Recorded [https://portal.wida.us/client/profLearning/index.aspx](https://portal.wida.us/client/profLearning/index.aspx)
  - Various E-Learning Opportunities
    - E-workshops (Free)
    - E-Learning; (costs) Districts can purchase

- Live Webinars
Professional Development 19-20 SY

- E-Learning Opportunities; Free e-workshops
  - (Module 1)
    - **Taking Action for ELLs: Foundational Concepts**
      - 3 Topics
      - 1. Building Awareness of your ELLs
      - 2. Use of Language for Academic Purposes
      - 3. Integrating Content and Language
  
E-Learning Opportunities; Free e-workshops
- (Module 2)
- Engaging ELLs: Teaching to Student Strengths

Live Webinar’s in September
- Wednesday, September 18 Noon-1 p.m. MDT: Welcome Back: What’s New This Year?
- Thursday, September 19 1-2 p.m. MDT: WIDA MODEL Overview: A webinar for District Test Coordinators and Test Administrators.
- Tuesday, September 24 10-11 a.m. MDT: Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for Test Administrators.
- Thursday, September 26 Noon-1 p.m. MDT: Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for District Test Coordinators
Professional Development 19-20 SY continued

- Current Workshop Available: Leading Schools For Multilingual Learner/English Learner Achievement Workshop-September 24 & 25
  - Riverton Public Library Community Center
    1330 West Park Ave
    Riverton, WY *
    8 a.m.-4 p.m.
    https://forms.gle/DjQLKqHZzMeNJTaU8
2019 WIDA Annual Conference

Theme: Teaching for Equity in a Multilingual World
- October 15-18, 2019

- For educators of preK-12 multilingual learners, bringing together educators from around the globe to network, share best practices, and discover innovative classroom strategies.
Testing Dates and Other Important Information

- Wyoming State Page on WIDA Website
  https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/wy

- WIDA K-Screener in Spring 2020, which will replace K W-APT

- The ACCESS for ELLs Online Writing Field Test is now embedded in operational testing.
Annual Re-certification of the WIDA Screener Training Course

- The WIDA Screener training course includes content and training modules that prepare you to give the WIDA Screener online and/or on paper.

- To access the training course, log in to the https://wida.wisc.edu/ website, and then log in to the "My Account & Secure Portal" and ACCESS for ELLs Training Courses. Then choose either WIDA Screener online or WIDA Screener paper.
ACCESS for ELLs Training Courses

● The ACCESS for ELLs Training Courses are available on the WIDA website in the Secure Portal.

● Test Administrators must be trained the first year of test administering.

● Every other year after the first year of training.

● Review training every year on all WIDA modules.
WIDA Model Online Writing Field Test

- WIDA is looking for schools and students to participate in a field test for the new Writing tasks.
- Schools and districts interested in participating can find additional details and next steps on the WIDA MODEL Online Field Testing Recruitment Flyer.
Schools Needed!

WIDA is seeking schools that can administer the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten field test to at least 20 students between January 6 and February 28, 2020. This new screener will replace the Kindergarten W-APT. View the informational flyer for more information and to sign up.
The Wyoming checklist is a guide for personnel involved in administering the ACCESS for ELLs and includes steps related to Kindergarten and ALT ACCESS Assessments.

https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/wy
Transition to COS SD

- August 15 was the deadline for districts to switch from the Testing Site Manager (TSM) to Central Office Services (COS-SD) Service Device.
- Extension to this Friday, September 20th to Transition systems
- Contact DRC Customer Service for assistance at (855) 787-9615. Review documentation and videos to assist you with this transition.
Test Security Agreements

- WIDA Non-Disclosure and User Agreement
- WDE Test Security Agreement
Overall ACCESS Score with a Missing Domain

- ELs with an IEP or a 504 plan, who have a disability that prevents them from taking a domain test.

- In order to ensure that students with disabilities who are unable to take a domain test are considered for a special criteria, a change went into effect in the 18-19 school year related to the ACCESS Assessment.
Overall ACCESS Score with a Missing Domain

- We have a formal process this year for applying

- Liz Foster from WDE will discuss the process and create a Guidebook with instructions on how to apply.

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 Targets-(EL Progress) Assessment
Confidential Role for EL District Coordinators

- This will give access to the accountability reports, summary reports, and school performance report EL indicators; Annual and End Targets Available on 9-16-19 (Go to WDE Website, Date and Reporting, Data Reports, District Data Reports, Sign In and ACCESS Student Level)

- This role can be assigned at the district or the school level

- To find your WyEd Administrator; click this link and search by your district name
WDE684 Reporting

- Reporting is done three times a year - October, March and June

- Most of the EL exceptional cases have been resolved. Districts will be contacted when case has been completed or if documentation is needed.