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Student Personal Technology Procedures for WIDA Access Test Administration

In order to provide targeted supports to multi-language learners, educators need valid and reliable data from assessments that help pinpoint a student's academic language ability. Plagiarism negatively effects the validity and reliability of that data.

ML students are accustomed, as part of normal classroom instruction, to using their device (cell phones or smart watches) to help them communicate and understand their learning. Thus, they have a natural tendency to want to use that technology to help them understand and communicate their learning on the WIDA Access. Test proctors must explicitly communicate to students that their devices are not allowed or needed for the test and that we need to understand what they can do without the aid of their device.

DRC's software has the capacity to detect plagiarism taken from other websites. When students are caught

plagiarizing all or part of the assessment, their scores are invalidated.

The following has been taken from the 2022-23 WIDA Access [Test Administration Manual](#) (see page 4):

"*A key responsibility of all staff involved in testing is to ensure students are actively monitored during testing and do their own work. Test proctors are to ensure students don't use internet-connected devices, such as cell phones, while testing. Follow your state's test security policies and, whenever possible, have students leave their devices outside the testing room. The use of unapproved devices during testing or the submission of copied or plagiarized responses can result in student scores being invalidated.*"

To help your school formulate its procedures with regard to student personal technology during the WIDA Access test administration, we are asking school test coordinators to fill out the following form prior to test day. In addition, school test coordinators will need to ensure that all WIDA Access test administrators are aware of and follow the outlined procedures in order to prevent plagiarism so that ML students have the best opportunity to demonstrate what they know and can do.

If you have questions about this form, please contact Ben

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What is the name of your school?

What is your first and last name?

What is your email address?

What is the first and last name of your school's principal?

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What is your principal's email address?

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Please outline in a step-by-step manner the procedures your school's test administrator(s) will use to ensure that students do not have access to their personal technology during the WIDA Access assessment. Please be as detailed as possible.

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