

# Intradistrict Communication

DATE: Thursday, October 22, 2020

TO: All Principals

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SUBJECT: WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Test Administration Training for Schools

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As part of a federal requirement and the state's accountability system, districts are required to administer the WIDA Access 2.0 annually to all EL students who have earned a Language proficiency Level (LPL) of less than 5. The 2020-21 WIDA test administration window begins on January 4 and ends on March 5, 2021.

Administration of the WIDA Access 2.0 will be accomplished by individual schools for the 2020-21 school year and future years. During the 2019-20 school year, 15 schools successfully piloted administering the WIDA themselves. We anticipate that the flexibility that administering the WIDA locally will better serve our students, avoid test exhaustion, and provide better performance data that will help direct your efforts to provide the best education for our EL students. In addition, we found that there was improvement in student performance and proficiency with the pilot schools.

Principals (or their administrative designee), WIDA test coordinators (this could be your school test coordinator or even your ELD lead), and WIDA test proctors are asked to attend a mandatory test administration training. We recommend there be at least two proctors in the room (with more than 15 students testing at the same time) to handle testing as the process is a little more interactive between proctors and students than other online tests. Nine training sessions will be offered, though participants are required to attend only one of the sessions. Training participants will need to bring a laptop. Please note: USBE requires that all test coordinators and proctors pass a certification quiz in order to administer the WIDA test. We will help participants pass this quiz as part of the training (administrators will be excused from this part of the training unless they want to be certified to test). **Please note that if schools choose to send a classroom teacher, principals will need to cover the cost of the sub. Testing pool hours may be used to pay for the cost of a sub.**

Because the test requires the use of headphones equipped with a microphone, non-DLI schools who did not participate in last year's pilot program will be given a lab set (35 headsets). *Please note that this is a one-time purchase.* If schools require more than a lab set of headphones with microphones, they will need to purchase additional headsets

themselves. Please work with Gaylene Miller in Evaluation, Research & Accountability to ascertain what type of headsets should be purchased.

Those who are to be trained to administer the WIDA should register in JPLS so that we may create their accounts in the testing and training platforms prior to their selected training date. Following are the training dates and times:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Monday, Nov. 9	9-11:30 am	ASB Auditorium	<p>All participants should register on JPLS – Course #101641.</p> <p>Participants should bring a laptop/device.</p> <p>If schools choose to send a classroom teacher, principals will need to cover the cost of a half day sub.</p>
	1-3:30 pm		
Thursday, Nov. 12	9-11:30 am		
	1-3:30 pm		
Monday, Nov. 16	9-11:30 am		
	1-3:30 pm		
Tuesday, Nov. 17	9-11:30 am		
Thursday, Dec. 3	8-10:30 am		
	12-2:30 pm		

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