

2024-25 ACCESS for ELLs (ACCESS) Readiness Guide

The following are recommended steps to ensure a successful ACCESS administration in spring 2024.

November - December	Pre-ID Rostering Complete Self-Paced Trainings	<p>Complete ACCESS Pre-ID Roster in Quickbase: Nov. 7 – Dec. 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-ID Assessment Quickbase application opens to local education agencies (LEAs) on Nov. 7. • Batch uploads using the template must be uploaded by Dec. 6. • Manual uploads must be completed by Dec. 11. <p>Complete Required and Recommended Training in WIDA Secure Portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on required and recommended trainings for new and returning Test Coordinators and Test Administrators can be found on OSSE’s website. <p>Review ACCESS for ELLs Checklists and Testing Manuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Administration Manuals are available on the WIDA Secure Portal. • Checklists available on DC’s WIDA Member Page for before, during and after testing activities for Online ACCESS for ELLs and Paper ACCESS for ELLs. <p>Create Staff User Accounts in the WIDA Secure Portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEA ACCESS Test Coordinators are responsible for creating user accounts for School Test Coordinators and Test Administrators.
	January	Prior to Testing

February – March	Prior to Testing	<p>Send Family Notification Letter and Meet with Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every school is required to send home a notification letter to families letting them know their student will participate in statewide testing. OSSE provides a template that schools may adapt. • Review administration plans and protocols with students prior to testing, including how to ask questions or report issues while testing. <p>Establish a School Test Security File</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each school must create and maintain a physical school test security file or binder that includes the required information outlined during test security training. An electronic file may be maintained in addition to the physical file. <p>School Test Security Plans Due to OSSE 15 Days Prior to First Day of Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCESS Coordinators must submit school test security plans to OSSE via the OSSE Assessment Portal application in Quickbase. OSSE will request revisions or approve each plan in the portal.
	Feb. 10	ACCESS Testing Window Opens
	During Testing	<p>Administer the ACCESS Assessment, Monitor Testing and Support Authorized Personnel and Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the ACCESS administration, LEA and School Test Coordinators should actively monitor and support their authorized personnel and students. <p>Contact DRC and OSSE for assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request Support from DRC Customer Support (technical) and OSSE’s Office of Assessments (administration and policy), as needed during testing. Support requests to OSSE must be made using the OSSE Support Tool. <p>Submit Incident Reports to OSSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When incidents arise during testing, follow your school’s procedures for submitting incident reports. Reports may be submitted to OSSE via the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OSSE Assessment Portal (LEAs only) or online Test Security Incident Report Form ○ OSSE Assessment Hotline: (202) 304-3269 <p>Note Minor Deviations in School Test Security Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When scheduling, Test Administrator staffing changes, or other changes occur to the school test security plan, Test Coordinators should note these in the minor deviations section of the school test security plan.
March 21	ACCESS Testing Window Closes	
April	After Testing	<p>Return Test Materials to DRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline to ship completed test materials to DRC is April 4.
	10 Days after the Last Day of Testing	<p>Test Security Affidavits Due to OSSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School ACCESS Coordinators must submit Test Security Affidavits to OSSE via the OSSE Assessment Portal within 10 business days of the last day of testing at their school. • LEA ACCESS Coordinators must submit Test Security Affidavits to OSSE via the OSSE Assessment Portal within 15 business days of the last day of testing in their LEA.
	April 19-26	<p>Pre-Reporting Data Validation – April 18-25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEAs complete pre-reporting data validation in WIDA AMS.
May	After Testing	<p>ACCESS Reports Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCESS reports and data files available in WIDA AMS on May 15. • ACCESS printed reports delivered to LEAs on May 30.