

ACCESS for ELLs: Test Coordinator Overview Webinar

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ACCESS for ELLs Websites

WIDA: https://wida.wisc.edu/

The WIDA Consortium provides valuable secure resources that require an account.

Secure Portal

Use the WIDA Secure Portal to access test training manuals and resources, as well as Online Professional Learning modules.

- Training for test coordinators and test administrators
 - WIDA user accounts provide access to WIDA Secure Portal
 - Test preparation, administration and post-testing resources; training courses; user account management; and SEA resources

https://portal.wida.us/client/documents/WIDASecurePortalUserGuide.pdf

State-specific guidance on state pages

- Drop down menu on the top of the webpage
- Map on consortium page
- In the ACCESS training course https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium

Obtaining a WIDA Account

Check your state specific guidance on your state page.

Forgot Your Username or Password

- Have an account but forgot your password or having trouble logging in?
 Contact the WIDA Client Services Center at help@wida.us
- Have a WIDA Secure Portal account but forgot your password? Go to our password reset page. https://portal.wida.us/ResetPasswordRequest.aspx



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WIDA

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WIDA AMS: https://www.drcedirect.com/all/eca-portal-ui/welcome/WIDA

Testing system for ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Screener Online, hosted by DRC. This website supports your preparation for and administration of ACCESS for ELLs suite of assessments and WIDA Screener Online.

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Logging into WIDA AMS

To access WIDA AMS, login using your username (email address) and password.

 If you do not have a WIDA AMS login, please check your state checklist or contact WIDA Client Services Center.

Forgot Your Username or Password

- If you do not know your username or password use the "forgot username or password link."
 - Select "I don't know my username" and enter your email address to receive an email containing your username.
 - Select "I don't know my password" and enter your username to receive your password reset link

About ACCESS for ELLs

ACCESS for ELLs is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually in WIDA Consortium member states to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. ACCESS for ELLs is only available to Consortium member states.

ACCESS for ELLs is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

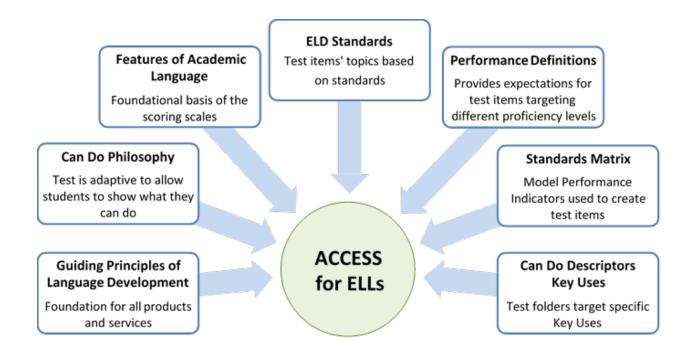
Assessing	Assessing students' academic language abilities in English include			
Listening	Process, understand, interpret and evaluate spoken language in a variety of situations			
Reading		Process, understand, interpret and evaluate written language, symbols and text with understanding and fluency		
Writing		Engage in written communication in a variety of situations for a variety of purposes and audiences		
Speaking		Engage in oral communication in a variety of situations for a variety of purposes and audiences		

Anchored in the WIDA English Language Development Standards which provide educators with a connection between language development and academic content.

	Standard			
English Language Development Standard 1	English language learners communicate for Social and Instructional purposes within the school setting	Social and Instructional language		
English Language Development Standard 2	English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Language Arts	The language of Language Arts		
English Language Development Standard 3	English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Mathematics	The language of Mathematics		
English Language Development Standard 4	English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Science	The language of Science		
English Language Development Standard 5	English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Social Studies	The language of Social Studies		

WIDA Standard and Assessment Systems

- The Guiding Principles represent WIDA's core beliefs about language development. They were
 developed from a synthesis of literature and research related to language development and
 effective instructional practices for language learners.
- The **Can Do Philosophy** is based on the belief that everyone brings valuable resources to the education community. Linguistically and culturally diverse learners, in particular, bring a unique set of assets that have the potential to enrich the experiences of all learners and educators. Educators can draw on these assets for the benefit of both the learners and the community.
- Age-appropriate Academic Language is viewed as a vehicle for communicating and learning
 within sociocultural contexts, the interactions between different people for specific purposes
 and across different learning environments, which influence how language is used.
- The **Performance Definitions** delineate what the various levels of language proficiency look like, informed by the **Features of Academic Language**.
- The Can Do Descriptors Key Uses highlight academic language use for four specific communicative purposes as identified based on reviews of literature and a language analysis of college and career readiness standards.
- The English Language Development Standards represent the social, instructional, and academic language that students need to engage with peers, educators, and the curriculum in schools. The Matrices help educators envision what language development might look like in elementary and secondary classrooms scaffolded across language proficiency levels and standards.



ACCESS for ELLs Test Folders

Grades 4-5: Listening, Tier C Sample Item				
Folder Title: All About Mushrooms Standard: Language of Science		Key Use of Academic Language: Explain Topic: Nature Cognitive Function: Analyze		
Proficiency Level	Model Performance Indicator			
3	Compare examples or categories of natural phenomena based on oral descriptions and visual support			
4	Interpret information on natural phenomena from oral descriptions supported visually			
5	Determine relationships among natural phenomena from oral discourse			

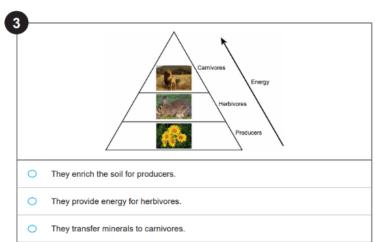
Which picture shows where a mushroom would probably grow?



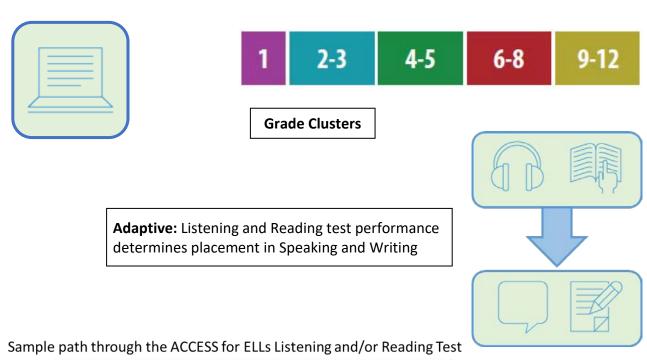
Why do mushrooms need mycelia?

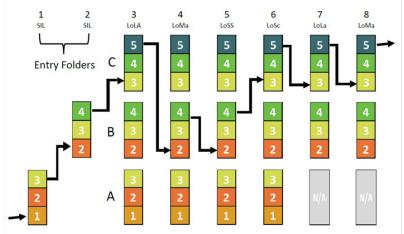


How are mushrooms important to the ecosystem



Overview of ACCESS for ELLS Online

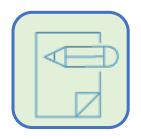




All test items are scored centrally.

Administration Format	Approximate Administration Time	Recommended Scheduled Testing Time
Group	Listening: 35-50 minutes	Listening: 65 minutes
	Reading: 45 minutes	Reading: 60 minutes
	Writing: 50–75 minutes	Writing: 70–90 minutes
	Speaking: 35 minutes	Speaking: 50 minutes

Overview of ACCESS for ELLS Paper Assessment



Grade Clusters for Paper Listening, Reading, and Writing Domains

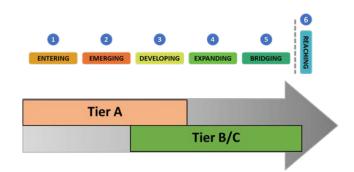


Grade Clusters for Paper Speaking Domain

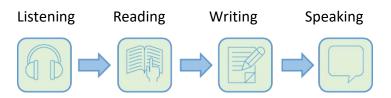


Adaptive through Tier A, or Tier B/C Selection

- Tier A has test items at Proficiency Levels 1, 2, and 3
- Tier B/C has test items at Proficiency Levels 3, 4, 5, and 6



Recommended Domain Order of Administration



The domains may be administered in any order, but this is the order that matches the test administrator scripting.

Administration Format	Approximate Administration Time	Recommended Scheduled Testing Time
Group: Listening, Reading, Writing Individual: Speaking	Listening: 20–40 minutes Reading: 50 minutes Writing: Grade 1, Tier A: 25 minutes Grades 2–12, Tier A: 60 minutes Grades 1–12, Tier B/C: 65 minutes Speaking: 15–30 minutes	Listening: 60 minutes Reading: 70 minutes Writing: Grade 1, Tier A: 40 minutes Grades 2–12, Tier A: 75 minutes Grades 1–12, Tier B/C: 80 minutes Speaking: 45 minutes

Tier Placement

The tier structure of ACCESS for ELLs Paper helps ensure that students see test content that is challenging enough to allow them to fully demonstrate their English language skills but not so difficult as to prevent them from showing any skills at all. Educators determine which tier is most appropriate for each student before test materials are ordered. WIDA recommends basing your choice of test tier on the English language proficiency level score the student earned on previous ACCESS for ELLs or WIDA Screener assessments.

	Proficiency Level					
Level 1	Level 2	Lev	el 3	Level 4	Level 5	
Entering	Beginning	Devel	oping	Expanding	Bridging	
	Tier A					
				Tier B/C		
Tier A is most ap	Tier A is most appropriate for ELLs who			Tier B/C is most appropriate for ELLs who		
 Have arrived in the U.S. or entered school in the U.S. within the current academic school year without previous English instruction Currently receive literacy instruction only in 		beg aca • Hav	ve social language proginning to approach of demic language profore acquired some lite approaching grade le	or have acquired iciency in English racy in English or		
	a language other than English			lish		
 Have recently tested at a beginner level of English language proficiency 			I likely meet the state port services by the			

In addition to the guidance above, WIDA recommends educators take into account any of the following circumstances that apply to an individual student:

academic year

- Noteworthy Progress: Some students who earn low proficiency level scores demonstrate
 significant growth between initial testing and the time when materials must be ordered for the
 next round of testing. If you think the Tier B/C test is most appropriate to the student's current
 English language proficiency level, you can use that test even if the student's previous scores
 suggest Tier A.
- Literacy Development: Students who have emerging English literacy skills can find the Tier B/C Writing test challenging, and younger students, particularly those in Grade 1, can find the Reading test challenging. If you think the Tier A test is most appropriate to the student's current literacy skill level, you can use that test even if the student's previous scores suggest Tier B/C.

As always, refer to your state's page of the WIDA website for any specific guidance from your state or district on tier placement. If you have questions about tier placement for your students, contact your test coordinator.

Overview of ACCESS for ELLs Kindergarten



- Individually administered
- Not tiered; all students take the same test
- All domains (Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing) are tested twice, once within the expository section and once within the narrative section
- Speaking and Listening are presented together, alternating between a listening task followed by a speaking task
- All sections are adaptive, meaning items are presented until the student reaches his/her performance "ceiling"
- Scored locally by the Test Administrator

e v	Part A Listening & Speaking	A1	A2	А3	A4	A5
Narrative	Part B Writing	B1		B2/3	/4/5	
ž	Part C Reading	C1	C2	С3	C4	C5

) IV	Part D Listening & Speaking	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
Expository	Part E Writing	E1 low start	E2	E3 mid start	E4 high	/5 start
Exp	Part F Reading	F1 low start	F2	F3 mid start	F4 high start	F5

Administration Format	Approximate Administration Time	Recommended Scheduled Testing Time
Individual	45 minutes	60 minutes

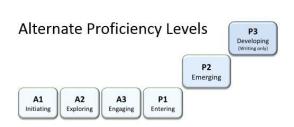
Due to the adaptive nature of the test, high proficiency students will likely take longer and beginning proficiency students might need significantly less time.

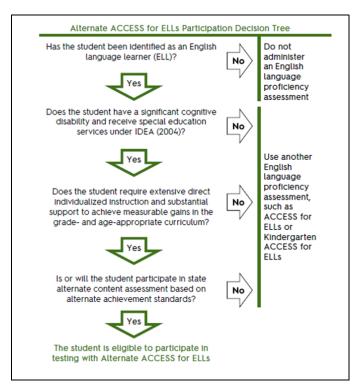
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs



Grade Clusters

1-2 3-5 6-8 9-12





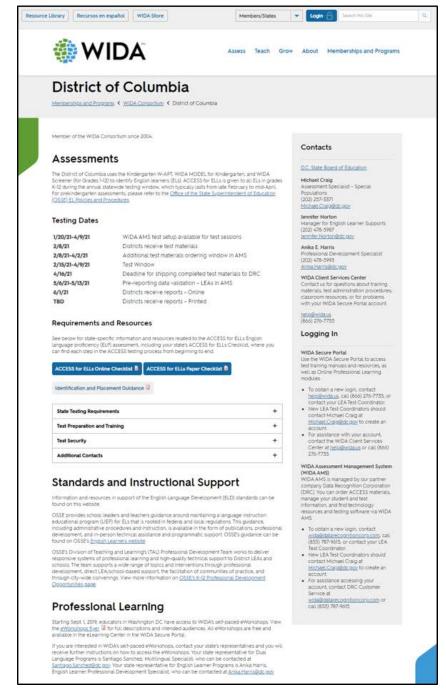
Administration Format	Approximate Administration Time	Recommended Scheduled Testing Time
Individual	Listening: 20 minutes	Listening: 30 minutes
	Reading: 20 minutes	Reading: 30 minutes
	Writing: 20 minutes	Writing: 30 minutes
	Speaking: 20 minutes	Speaking: 30 minutes

State Specific Guidelines

Your State's ACCESS for ELLs Checklist

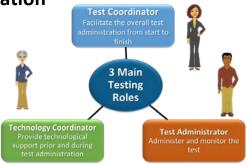
WIDA has worked directly with your state education agency to develop the ACCESS for ELLs Checklist. This list highlights all tasks that need to be completed before, during, and after testing within a school or district and outlines which tasks are assigned to test coordinators at the district and school level and test administrators. It also provides additional guidance that your state expects you to follow as you prepare for and administer the ACCESS for ELLs suite of assessments.





Roles and Responsibilities for ACCESS Administration

There are 3 main roles for ACCESS for ELLs: Test coordinator, test administrator, and technology coordinator. Although it is imperative that all three roles are in close communication with one another to ensure effective online test administration, each role has its own set of responsibilities, outlined below.



Test Coordinator:

Facilitates the overall test administration from start to finish



Test Administrator:

Administer and monitor the test



Technology Coordinator:

Provide technological support prior to and during test administration



- Communicate with DRC
- Facilitate overall test administration
- Coordinate assignments and communication
- Ensure test security
- Answer questions about your accounts on WIDA.us and WIDA AMS
- Order & distribute test materials
- Coordinate and schedule test sessions
- Ensure everyone completes training
- Account for and return materials
- Administer and monitor the test
- Verify student data
- Ensure test security
- Ensure students have reviewed the online test demos and test practices before testing
- Provide and document appropriate accommodations for students
- Provide technological support
- Download software to testing computers
- Verify that the firewalls and filters are configured correctly
- Ensure that devices meet minimum system requirements and are configured to support testing
- Troubleshoot infrastructure issues
- Support test administrators during testing days

The WIDA Accessibility and Accommodations Framework

Accommodations

- Students with IEP or 504 plans
- Changes to presentation, student response, timing of the test, or test environment

Universal Tools

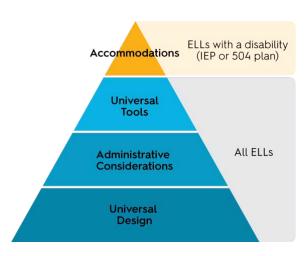
- Embedded in the computer-based test or provided by Test Administrator
- Do not need to be designated in WIDA AMS all students may use these

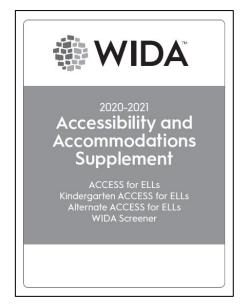
Administrative Considerations

- Presentation and Clarification of Test Directions*
- Presentation of Test Content*
- Alternate Response mode*
- Interaction with TA (e.g., reinforcement or redirection for following directions)
- Test Setting (e.g., small group, with familiar and trained personnel, separate room)
- Test Timing (e.g., breaks or smaller segments)

Universal Design

- Graphic-supported items
- Audio-supported directions (by computer or TA)
- Narrated and guided introduction by a human voice for each domain test (script for TA)
- Thematic folders pertaining to a unified theme
- Practice items
- Modeled responses for the Speaking domain
- Accessibility Supports and Targeted Accommodations





*See state policy for specific guidance

Accessibility and Accommodations Supplement

This document supplements the Test Administration Manual. In addition to guiding accommodation use during ACCESS for ELLs, this resource may provide year-long support to multidisciplinary teams in their work with ELL students.

Includes:

- Participation guidance
- Framework
- Types of supports and use in each domain
- Alternate ACCESS for ELLs criteria
- Keyboard shortcuts
- Transcription guidance
- Scribe guidance
- Accommodation checklists

https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/accessibility

Technology Basics

	Headset vs. Headphones				
Headset	GA.	Headphones			
 Must have a microphone Can be used for all domains Necessary for the Speaking domain to record student responses 		 Can be used for Listening, Reading, and Writing tests To hear test directions and practice items To hear test items on the Listening & Writing tests 			
* Check your ability to connect headset and headphone with testing device					

INSIGHT Test Engine



INSIGHT is the secure web browser testing interface installed on each testing device. This software communicates with the DRC INSIGHT server to provide test practice and test questions to the test taker and to send responses to the DRC INSIGHT server, which stores them securely.

Central Office Services (COS)

INSIGHT works with the Central Office Services (COS) to help manage network traffic, maintain connectivity, and handle bandwidth issues.

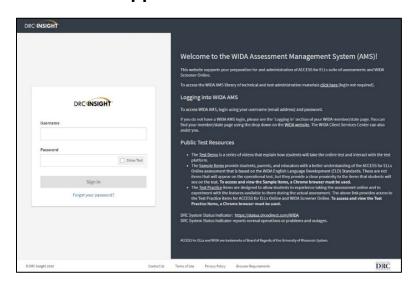


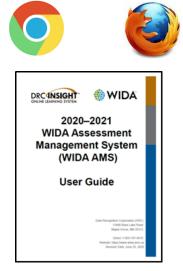
Central Office Services (COS) is a software tool that allows you to install, configure, and manage your online testing environment from a central location. Registering a testing device to a configuration defines which COS Service Device will provide test content to the testing device.



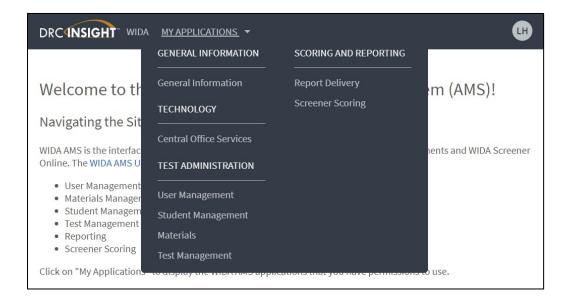
Make sure your technology coordinators have access to the Technology Troubleshooting document, available in the Download Library in the WIDA Secure Portal. This resource can help technology coordinators address most issues test administrators encounter and document any persistent issues that need additional attention from DRC Customer Service.

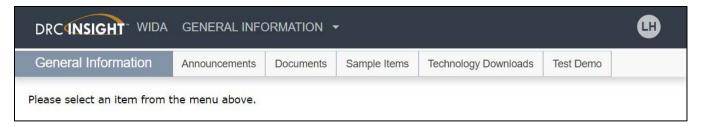
WIDA AMS Applications





WIDA AMS Application	Functions in Application	Notes
Accessing WIDA AMS	 Login Managing Your Account Changing Username Changing Email Address Changing Name Changing Password Recovering a Forgotten Username or Password 	





WIDA AMS Application	Functions in Application	Notes
General	Announcements	
Information	• Documents	
	Sample Items	
	Technology Downloads	
	Test Demo	



WIDA AMS Application	Functions in Application	Notes
User Management	 Edit User Changing Name Changing Email Address Add or Remove Permissions Assign a User to An Administration Inactivate a User Activate a User Add Single User 	
	Upload Multiple Users	

Main Category	Subcategory	Permission Name in WIDA AMS	Allows User To	District Testing Coordinator	District Technology Coordinator	School Testing Coordinator 3	School Technology Coordinator	Test Administrator
General Information	Documents	Documents-View	View documents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Technology Downloads	Online Testing– Secured Resources	View secured online testing downloads and tutorials	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
User Management	None	Administrator	Add/edit user accounts and profiles	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Materials	Additional Materials	Materials– Additional–View Edit	View/edit additional materials during the primary window	Yes				
		Materials– Additional– Primary Window	Access the Additional Materials menu during the Test Setup and Testing Window	Yes				
M	Materials	Materials— Accountability— User Information	Download and fill out the accountability form	Yes		Yes		
		Manage Shipments	Confirm shipping address during the material order window	Yes		Yes		
		Materials– Primary Window	Access the Materials menu	Yes		Yes		
	Materials Ordering	Enrollment– Primary Window	Access Materials Ordering during the primary window	Yes		Yes		
	Return Materials Receipt Report	Materials-Return Materials Receipt	Access reports showing a summary/detailed view of secure materials received by DRC	Yes		Yes		

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Student Management	None (time driven)	Test Setup– Primary Window	Access the Student Management menu and Test Management menu functionality during the Test Setup and Testing Window	Yes		Yes		Yes
	Manage Students	Students– Search/View	Search/view student data Note: This permission is required for all other Students permissions, Download Students, and so forth.	Yes		Yes		Yes
		Students— Add/Edit	Add/edit students and student data for online testing	Yes		Yes		
		Students- Download Students	Download a list of student information for all students in a school	Yes		Yes		
		Students-Upload	Upload a list of students and student data for online testing	Yes		Yes		
	Student Exports	Export Students	Export student data for sites for which the user has access	Yes				
	Student Transfer Form	Student Transfer Form	Submit request for district- to-district transfer of student records for students who moved during testing	Yes				
	Student Status Dashboard	Test Setup–View Student Status	View test status by student	Yes		Yes		
	Data Validation	Corrections— Primary Window	Validate student records after testing	Yes				

Main Category	Subcategory	Permission Name in WIDA AMS	Allows User To	District Testing Coordinator	District Technology Coordinator	School Testing Coordinator	School Technology Coordinator	Test Administrator
Test Management	Manage Test Sessions	Test Session— Search/View	Search/view test sessions	Yes		Yes		Yes
		Test Session– Add/Edit	Add/edit test sessions	Yes		Yes		
		Test Session— Delete Pre- Created	Delete pre-created generic not-started test sessions.	Yes		Yes		
		Test Session— Status Summary	View testing status summary information	Yes		Yes		
		Test Session–Tier Placement Report	View and download the Tier Placement Report	Yes		Yes		Yes
		Test Session– Upload	Voluntarily upload custom made test sessions for testing	Yes		Yes		
		Test Tickets– View/Print	View and print student test tickets	Yes		Yes		Yes
Central Office Services	None	Test Setup– Central Office Services	Access Central Office Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

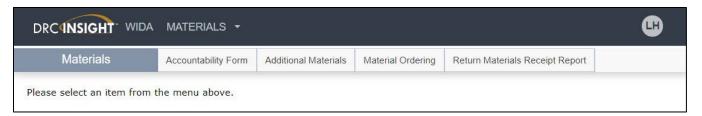
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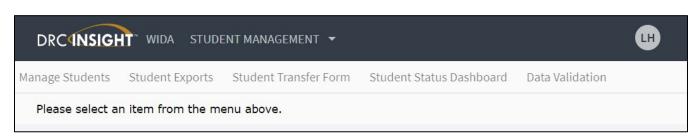
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Report Delivery	Online Testing Statistics	Online Testing Statistics	Track online testing activity	Yes				
	Status Reports	Status Reports District Reports	Access reports that display various districtand school-level testing activity	Yes				
	Test Results		View district reports	Yes				
		Reports–View School Files	View school reports	Yes		Yes		
		View Reports— Download— District/School	Download all reports for a district, or school, for an administration	Yes		Yes		
	On-Demand Reports	View Dynamic Reports	Generate translated ACCESS for ELLs student reports and WIDA Screener Online student reports	Yes		Yes		
Screener Scoring	Screener Scoring	Educator Scoring	Access Educator Scoring for WIDA Screener Online	Yes				

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Materials	Accountability Form	
	Additional Materials	
	Material Ordering	
	 Return Materials Receipt Report 	



WIDA AMS Application	Functions in Application	Notes
Student Management	 Manage Students Find Student(S) Add Student(S) Add/Edit	
	Student Status Dashboard	

WIDA AMS Application	Functions in Application	Notes
Test Management	 Manage Test Session Show Test Sessions Add Test Sessions View/Edit Test Sessions Find Students Add Students Testing Status Submit Incomplete Test Print All Test tickets Print/View Tier Placement Reports Delete Test Session Upload Multiple Test Sessions 	



WIDA AMS Application	Functions in Application	Notes
Report	On-Demand Reports	
Delivery	Online Testing Statistics	
	 Cumulative 	
	– Yesterday	
	Status Reports	
	Test Results	

Online & Paper Scheduling Support

Online ACCESS for ELLs



- Each domain is a separate test session
- Able to combine grade level clusters and Tiers in a session
- Except for Writing Grades 1-3, which is separated by grade cluster & domain
- TA needs to be able to monitor all students comfortably
- Need smaller groups for Writing & Speaking domains
- Listening and Reading must be administered before Writing & Speaking
- Need to run Tier Report before scheduling Writing Grades 1-3 test sessions
- Run Tier Report and check to see if any of your students are Tier Pre A for the Speaking domain
- Not a timed test: recommended times do not include set up and logistics
- Speaking domain, 4-6 feet in between computers

Paper Based Form ACCESS for ELLs





- Each domain is a separate test session
- Separate testing sessions by domain, grade level cluster, and Tier
- Recommended that there are not more than 15 students in sessions
- TA needs to be able to monitor all students comfortably
- Speaking is individual administration
- You may administer the domains in any order.
- Not a timed test: recommended times do not include set up and logistics

Sample Paper Test Session Roster								
School: _								
Test coo	rdinator:							
Test Adn	ninistrator:			Test loc	ation:			
Test date	e:			_ Test tim	ne:			
	Domain (circl	le one):		Grade-leve	el cluster:	Tier (cir	cle one):	
Listening	g Reading	Writing				Tier A T	ier B/C	
Session	Student ID	Last Name	First N	lame	Grade	Student location (teacher/room)	Completed test?	
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Sample Paper Test Session Master Schedule School: _____ Test coordinator:_____ Week of: _____ **Listening/Reading Sessions Writing Sessions** Tier A Tier B/C Total Tier A Tier B/C Total Grade(s) Day/Time Session Students Students Students Students Students Students

Managing ACCESS for ELLs Testing Materials

Test Security

All materials in the ACCESS for ELLs suite of assessments are considered secure test materials. Therefore it is important to take the appropriate measures to maintain security and confidentiality of all test materials. WIDA recommends that you do not allow students to take any internet-connected devices, such as cell phones, smartwatches, or Bluetooth headsets, into the testing room.

Administrators must adhere to the following:

Prior to administration

- Review labels and/or bubbled information to ensure all student information is accurate.
- Complete labeling or bubbling if needed.

During administration

- Distribute the test booklets, as applicable, to the correct students.
- Verify that students have been given their assigned booklet.

Immediately following administration

- Collect all materials from all students.
- Review student test booklets once more for any errors or discrepancies in student information.
- Confirm all necessary fields are completed and all necessary labels are correctly adhered to student test booklets.
- Ensure all booklets are in proper condition to be returned, with no loose or damaged pages.
- Return test materials to a Test Coordinator, or store the booklets in a secure area until they can be handed over to a Test Coordinator.

Test Booklet Labels

Three types of labels may be affixed onto a student test booklet:



Do Not Process
(White with Orange Stripe)

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DO NOT PROCESS

D59bxxxxN0TSCORE