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Spring 2014 ACCESS for ELLs™ Administration

ACCESS for ELLs™ is Wyoming's statewide assessment instrument for the mandated annual assessment of English language proficiency. All identified English learners in Wyoming are required to participate in the assessment. This assessment provides information about the English language proficiency level of English learners (ELs) in the skill areas of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. This correspondence is being sent to inform you of the important dates for the spring 2014 ACCESS for ELLs™ administration.

Please note that the testing window for the 2014 administration of the ACCESS for ELLs™ test has been shortened from previous years.

This shortened window has the following impacts:

- ◆ The ACCESS window closes before the PAWS window opens, so students will not be taking these assessments at the same time.
- ◆ There will be less time to administer the test.
- ◆ Districts will receive score reports earlier.
- ◆ EL students who have been enrolled in a US school for less than one year, **who enter a Wyoming school district after the ACCESS for ELLs™ testing window has closed**, will not be eligible for the exemption from the Reading/Language Arts portion of PAWS, and thus will be required to take all sections of PAWS.

Please share these important dates with building principals and teachers who may need this information. If you have questions, please contact Robin Holbrook at 307-777-5217 or robin.holbrook@wyo.gov

Task	Start Date	End Date	Duration
Test Ordering	11/09/13	12/24/13	45
Pre-ID Ordering	11/09/13	12/24/13	45
Districts Receive Test Materials		01/13/14	7
Test Window	01/20/14	02/24/14	36
Additional Materials Deadline		02/10/14	
Districts Pack Completed Material	02/24/14	02/28/14	5
Districts Ship Completed Material to MT		02/28/14	4
All Materials Received at MT		03/05/14	
Data Validation Window - If Desired	04/03/14	04/13/14	10
Reports Shipped to Districts	04/30/14	05/03/14	3
Printed Report Correction Window	05/03/14	05/31/14	28
Final Data Due To State		06/03/14	

ACT Cut Scores

	Reading	Math	Science
Basic	12	14	14
Proficient	16	17	20
Advanced	25	25	25

COMPASS Comparability Study

Reminder: ACT is inviting its customers to participate in a comparability study, which will take place from October 21, 2013, to November 8, 2013.

To learn more and register for the study, go to: [Compass Comparability Study](#)

If you have questions, please call ACT Compass Customer Services at [800.645.1992](tel:800.645.1992), option 4, or email COMPASSCustomerServices@act.org.

ACT Inc. Instructional Support Workshop

This workshop is designed to help educators make data-informed decisions using ACT solutions to improve learning for their students. This interactive workshop will teach educators how to find key data points in their ACT solutions reports, translate these data into insights about their curriculum and instructions, and improve teaching and learning. For more information and to register for this opportunity please fill out the following survey no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday Sep. 12: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V6PTFKS>

2013-2014 Alternate Assessment News

There will be a change in the training and certification for Alternate Assessment Test Administrators and Second Scorers. We will be conducting 5 regional trainings in the months of November and early December. Combined with that training, attendees will be viewing the draft Alternate Extensions that align to the 2012 Wyoming Content and Performance Standards. Look for more details in the next few weeks.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Aug. 15 - Nov. 30 -- Fall MAP Window
- Week of Sep. 30 -- ACT Test Center Establishment Packets out to schools
- Sep. 30 - Oct. 4 -- Tentative ACT Inc. Instructional Support Workshops
- Oct. 7 - 25 -- Fall COMPASS Window
- Oct. 21 - Nov. 8 -- COMPASS Comparability Study