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SUBJECT: 2009-2010 ACCESS for ELLs reports now available on Fusion

INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education announces the posting of 2009-2010 Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLS) data on Fusion

Wyoming's English Language Proficiency Assessment, ACCESS for ELLs, is used to measure the proficiency level of English Language Learner (ELL) students. The results of the ACCESS for ELLs are used to determine two of three federally required measures called Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs). The third AMAO is Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the ELL subgroup and is based on Proficiency Assessment for Wyoming Students (PAWS) scores. The two used are:

- AMAO #1 – the measure of the percent of students who made **progress** toward English proficiency
- AMAO #2 – the measure of the percent of students who **achieved** English proficiency

Wyoming adopted the ACCESS for ELLs assessment in 2009-10, replacing the WELLA (Wyoming English Language Learners Assessment). Because of the difference between the WELLA and ACCESS for ELLs, it was not possible to make a valid measure of progress toward English proficiency (AMAO #1). Wyoming obtained a waiver for AMAO #1 only for the 2009-10 AMAO determinations from the US Department of Education. Therefore, 2009-10 AMAO determinations were made using AMAO #2 and AMAO #3 only. In 2010-11 Wyoming will once again make AMAO determinations using all three AMAOs.

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2009-2010 is the first year that AMAO reports and ACCESS for ELLs data are available through Fusion-a quick and easy access point to schools and districts searching for data. 2010-2011 reports should be accessible before the beginning of the next school year. AMAO reports can be viewed through Fusion at:

State Level:

<https://fusion.edu.wyoming.gov/Directory/web/Pages/PAWSResults/AMAODeterminationsStateLevel.aspx>

District Level:

<https://fusion.edu.wyoming.gov/Directory/web/Pages/PAWSResults/AMAODeterminationsDistrictLevel.aspx>

School Level:

<https://fusion.edu.wyoming.gov/Directory/web/Pages/PAWSResults/AMAODeterminationsStudentLevel.aspx>

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