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SUBJECT: Transition to WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Information

ACCESS FOR ELLS 2.0 TRANSITION NEWS

CHEYENNE - A list of updated webinars and resources is on the [WIDA website](#), under the assessment tab. Click on ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 in the drop-down menu and go to [Preparation Resources](#).

Below are a few highlights.

April Events

• **Save the date:**

Live Webinar: ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Live Webinar/Question and Answer Session (April 24th at 2:00pm Central Time);
Initial checklists outlining roles and responsibilities for the online test for LEAs (late April 2015).

May Preview

• **Save the date:**

Live Webinar: ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Technology Coordinator Session (May 1st at 2:00pm Central Time);
Accommodations guidelines and supporting materials available for LEAs (end of May).

General Information

1. The Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs are part of the new ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 system, but available only as a paper based test.

2. The new features of the online ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 simplify test administration and scoring.
 - a. Online Speaking test can be administered to multiple students at the same time, which reduces amount of time educators/students are away from the classroom;
 - b. Centralized scoring for all four domains; no need to score student responses on-site;
 - c. For students who can type responses, there's no need for paper-based material.
3. WIDA will help throughout the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 transition period with revised training, website resources, and Client Services Center support. Call the Client Services Center at 866-276-7735 or email help@wida.us.

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