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FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

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SUBJECT: ACCESS 2.0, ALT ACCESS Participation Rate Requirement

PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIREMENT FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS ON ACCESS

A provisional participation rate requirement for English Learners (ELs) will be implemented in the 2018-19 school year and finalized in the 2019-20 school year.

All EL students are expected to take the ACCESS 2.0 or the ALT ACCESS assessment each year until they achieve an "English proficient" score. Upon achieving this, they are no longer identified as "Active EL students" and will not be required to take the annual ACCESS Assessment.

As part of the English Learner progress indicator for school accountability, a provisional participation rate requirement of 95% will be implemented. This rule will mirror the rule for the participation rate on the state achievement test (i.e., WY-TOPP). A description of the participation rate rule can be found in the [2018 Implementation Handbook](#).

The one additional non-participant rule, which is described in the handbook, will also apply to EL testing to ensure that no school is held to a participation rate above 95 percent.

Beginning in 2019-20, the 95 percent participation rate requirement will be calculated in a school's accountability score for the English Language Proficiency (ELP) indicator.

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