

# **Working Together to Support our English Learners**

**Quarterly Webinar**

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# Quarterly Webinars

- Began in 2017-18
- Information, updates, changes that are relevant at the time
- Webinar Google Presentation on EL webpage
- Recordings are emailed upon request
  - <https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/standards/english-learners/>

# Change in the Assessment Name

- 2018-19 was the last year for ACCESS 2.0
- 2019-20 is ACCESS for ELLs

# EL Guidebook and Other Resources

- EL Guidebook

- Listed in:

- The EL webpage <https://1ddlxtt2jowkvs672myo6z14-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019-20-EL-Guidebook.pdf>

- 19-20 ACCESS for ELLs Publications Available

- ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Manual
  - District and School Test Coordinator Manuals
  - Accessibility and Accommodations Supplement

# Newsletter

- Assessment Newsletter

- The Assessment Division releases a newsletter every Friday
- Weekly updates are available every Friday
  - You can subscribe to newsletter on the WDE Website:  
<https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/state-assessment/newsletter/>  
Go to: For Educators, State Assessment System, Assessment Newsletter or
  - Contact someone on the Assessment Team to add you

# Professional Development 19-20 SY

- WIDA Workshops (face to face provided by WDE)
  - Listed in two different areas
    - EL Webpage <https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/standards/english-learners/>
    - WIDA Wyoming State Page <https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/wy>
- E-Learning Opportunities; Recorded <https://portal.wida.us/client/profLearning/index.aspx>
  - Various E-Learning Opportunities
    - E-workshops (Free)
    - E-Learning; (costs) Districts can purchase
- Live Webinars



# Professional Development 19-20 SY

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- E-Learning Opportunities; Free e-workshops

- (Module 1)

- **Taking Action for ELLs: Foundational Concepts**

- 3 Topics

- 1. Building Awareness of your ELLs
- 2. Use of Language for Academic Purposes
- 3. Integrating Content and Language

<https://portal.wida.us/Resources/eLearning/foundational-concepts/Foundational-Concepts-Overview.pdf>

# Professional Development 19-20 SY

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- E-Learning Opportunities; Free e-workshops
  - (Module 2)
  - **[Engaging ELLs: Teaching to Student Strengths](#)**
- Live Webinar's in September
  - [Wednesday, September 18](#) Noon-1 p.m. MDT: *Welcome Back: What's New This Year?*
  - [Thursday, September 19](#) 1-2 p.m. MDT: *WIDA MODEL Overview: A webinar for District Test Coordinators and Test Administrators.*
  - [Tuesday, September 24](#) 10-11 a.m. MDT: *Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for Test Administrators:*
  - [Thursday, September 26](#) Noon-1 p.m. MDT: *Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for District Test Coordinators*

# Professional Development 19-20 SY

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- Current Workshop Available: Leading Schools For Multilingual Learner/English Learner Achievement Workshop-September 24 & 25
  - Riverton Public Library Community Center  
1330 West Park Ave  
Riverton, WY \*  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

<https://forms.gle/DjQLKqHZzMeNJTaU8>

# 2019 WIDA Annual Conference

Theme: Teaching for Equity in a Multilingual World

- October 15-18, 2019
- For educators of preK-12 multilingual learners, bringing together educators from around the globe to network, share best practices, and discover innovative classroom strategies.

# Testing Dates and Other Important Information

- Wyoming State Page on WIDA Website  
<https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/wy>
- WIDA K-Screener in Spring 2020, which will replace K W-APT
- The ACCESS for ELLs Online Writing Field Test is now embedded in operational testing.

# Annual Re-certification of the WIDA Screener Training Course

- The WIDA Screener training course includes content and training modules that prepare you to give the WIDA Screener online and/or on paper.
- To access the training course, log in to the <https://wida.wisc.edu/> website, and then log in to the "My Account & Secure Portal" and ACCESS for ELLs Training Courses. Then choose either WIDA Screener online or WIDA Screener paper.

# ACCESS for ELLs Training Courses

- The ACCESS for ELLs Training Courses are available on the WIDA website in the Secure Portal.
- Test Administrators must be trained the first year of test administering
- Every other year after the first year of training
- Review training every year on all WIDA modules

# WIDA Model Online Writing Field Test

- WIDA is looking for schools and students to participate in a field test for the new Writing tasks.
- Schools and districts interested in participating can find additional details and next steps on the [WIDA MODEL Online Field Testing Recruitment Flyer](#).



# WIDA Kdg. Screener Field Testing

- Schools Needed!

WIDA is seeking schools that can administer the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten field test to at least 20 students between January 6 and February 28, 2020. This new screener will replace the Kindergarten W-APT. View the [informational flyer](#) for more information and to [sign up](#).

# Wyoming ACCESS for ELLs Checklist

- The Wyoming checklist is a guide for personnel involved in administering the ACCESS for ELLs and includes steps related to Kindergarten and ALT ACCESS Assessments.
- <https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/wy>

# Transition to COS SD

- August 15 was the deadline was the deadline for districts to switch from the Testing Site Manager (TSM) to Central Office Services (COS-SD) Service Device.
- Extension to this Friday, September 20th to Transition systems
- Contact DRC Customer Service for assistance at (855) 787-9615. Review [documentation and videos](#) to assist you with this transition.

# Test Security Agreements

- WIDA Non-Disclosure and User Agreement
- WDE Test Security Agreement

# Overall ACCESS Score with a Missing Domain

- ELs with an IEP or a 504 plan, who have a disability that prevents them from taking a domain test.
- In order to ensure that students with disabilities who are unable to take a domain test are considered for a special criteria, a change went into effect in the 18-19 school year related to the ACCESS Assessment.

# Overall ACCESS Score with a Missing Domain

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- We have a formal process this year for applying
- Liz Foster from WDE will discuss the process and create a Guidebook with instructions on how to apply.

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# Targets-(EL Progress) Assessment Confidential Role for EL District Coordinators

- This will give access to the accountability reports, summary reports, and school performance report EL indicators; Annual and End Targets Available on 9-16-19 (Go to WDE Website, Data and Reporting, Data Reports, District Data Reports, Sign In and ACCESS Student Level)
- This role can be assigned at the district or the school level
- To find your WyEd Administrator; click this [link](#) and search by your district name

# WDE684 Reporting

- Reporting is done three times a year - October, March and June
- Most of the EL exceptional cases have been resolved. Districts will be contacted when case has been completed or if documentation is needed.