

Elementary School Principals,

November 7, 2017

Principals, School Test Coordinators and Test Administrators of English Learners (EL):

WiDA is looking for teachers who serve as Test Administrators of ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs 2.0 to participate in a writing field test and. Your Teacher/Test Administrators are welcome to participate in the upcoming **Field Test for the computer-based ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Domain subtest.**

The upcoming writing field test presents an excellent learning opportunity for Teacher-Test Administrators as well as EL students. Some benefits include:

- All schools that participate with 50 or more students will receive \$100 to be used for school supplies.
- Teachers serving as Test Administrators for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 who choose to participate in this field test with their EL students would be making an important contribution to the field, locally and across the 39 member WIDA Consortium.
- Volunteering to participate in a field test is a valuable exercise for participating Teachers-Test Administrators and their EL students.
- Growing professionally as educators is critical for having lasting positive impacts on the students we serve.
- Principals can consider a teacher's participation in this professional activity towards evidence of participating in a professional community, which is an example that could satisfy *Element 4B: Participating in a Professional Community in Domain 4, Professionalism, of the NMTEACH Observation Rubric*. For more information about the Elements in Domain 4 - Professionalism, click on the following link: [NMTEACH Teacher Observation Rubric - Domain 4](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Assessment Project Coordinator for WIDA at the Wisconsin Center for Education Research: Alex Bauer alex.bauer@wisc.edu.

See flyer attached



Versifit/Edvantage Basic Navigation Training Offerings

In response to feedback received during our fall training sessions, we are pleased to announce additional basic navigation trainings, offered each month for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. Starting in November 2017, we will have new offerings for both principals/admins and teachers. Users who are new to using Versifit/Edvantage or those requiring a refresher are encouraged to attend. Sessions begin at 3:30 pm and conclude at 4:30pm. All sessions and are held at City Center. **See the flier attached to this newsletter for specific dates.** Please share this info with your staff and sign-up in ERO.

Where to Go For Help

For assistance with Versifit, please contact the School Accountability Support (SAST)/Strategic Analysis and Program Research (SAPR) teams through: <http://sis.aps.edu/support> or call 872-6847. User guides and video tutorials are available on the APS Intranet (<https://intranet.aps.edu>) under 'Departments'>>Office of Accountability and Reporting (OAR)>>Student Information Systems (Synergy/Versifit).

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Writing Field Test

What: ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Field Test

Who: Grade 1 tier B/C, and grades 2-12 ELL students in tiers A and B/C

When: Grades 1-3: Nov 14, 2017 to February 16, 2018

Grades 4-12: December 4, 2017 to March 2, 2018

Time: 30 minutes maximum per test session

All schools that participate with 50 or more students will receive \$100 to be used for school supplies.

Grades 1-3 responses are handwritten, and 4-12th graders responses are keyboarded. This field test may be administered before or after operational ACCESS for ELLs 2.0.

This is an excellent opportunity for students and test administrators to practice for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0!

Consortium-wide participation in field testing is important to ensure:

- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is updated with new content every year
- New test items meet rigorous quality standards

If you have questions or would like to participate, please contact Alex Bauer at:

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Note: If you administer ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Online, there will be no additional technology preparation for grades 4-12! The Field Test will be administered through the same secure browser that students use for their regular ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment.



Presented By: SAPR & Student Accountability Support

Principal/Administrative User Sessions

Date	Start Time	End Time	Location	Session
11/15/17	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406840001
12/13/17	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406840002
1/17/18	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406840003
2/21/18	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406840004
3/20/18	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406840005
4/18/18	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406840006

Teacher Sessions

Date	Start Time	End Time	Location	Session
11/16/17	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Rio Hondo	104406850001
12/14/17	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406850002
1/24/17	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406850003
2/28/17	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406850004
3/21/17	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406850005
4/25/17	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Arroyo Chico	104406850006

Register in ERO today!

Questions?

Contact: SAPR/Student Accountability Support

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