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## ***ACCESS Training Registration***

In late November, professional development staff from WIDA will conduct in-person ACCESS trainings. These trainings allow participants to ask questions and learn more about the test preparation and administration process, but they do not replace the required Training Courses on the WIDA website.

- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Test Coordinator Training is intended for District or School Assessment Coordinators who will set up user accounts, prepare for online testing, and verify staff have been trained.
- Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Training is intended for educators who will administer the Kindergarten ACCESS, a one-on-one paper administration, for the first time this year.

Each training is a half-day session. If space is no longer available for your preferred date and time, it will be closed, and you will need to select another date or time. Please do not register more than three people from a district or charter school in any session. SurveyMonkey, the application used to gather registrations, does not provide automatic confirmation emails. In mid-November, MDE will send a confirmation reminder to the email address used to register.

[Select this link to register for one of the ACCESS for ELLs trainings.](#) Dates, times, and locations are below.

DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION
Tuesday, Nov. 28	ACCESS for ELLs: Test Coordinators (8:30 a.m.–noon) ACCESS for ELLs: Test Coordinators (1–4:30 p.m.)	MDE – Conference Center B; CC-16 1500 Hwy 36 West Roseville, MN 55113

DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION
Wednesday, Nov. 29	ACCESS for ELLs: Test Coordinators (8:30 a.m.–noon) Kindergarten ACCESS: Test Administrators (1–4 p.m.)	MDE – Conference Center B; CC-16 1500 Hwy 36 West Roseville, MN 55113
Thursday, Nov. 30	ACCESS for ELLs: Test Coordinators (8:30 a.m.–noon) Kindergarten ACCESS: Test Administrators (1–4 p.m.)	Rasmussen College-Mankato; Rm. 110 130 St. Andrews Dr. Mankato, MN 56001

WIDA also offers additional trainings via webinar. A calendar of weekly webinars covering a range of pre-, during-, and post-testing topics is available on WIDA’s website. [View full 2017–18 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Webinar Schedule](#) (wida.us > Assessment > ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 > Preparation & Training). Webinars are organized to cover content relevant to particular roles.

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## ***ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Field Test***

WIDA is seeking participants for the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Field Test. A district’s participation in the Writing field test will provide valuable practice for students and Test Administrators in using the online platform, as well as an incentive of \$100 for schools participating with at least 50 students. As a partner in the WIDA consortium, it is important that Minnesota is represented in the Writing Field Test in order to help WIDA meet its federal peer review requirements as they strive to produce a valid, reliable, and quality assessment.

For more details, see the attached flyer. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Alex Bauer at [alex.bauer@wisc.edu](mailto:alex.bauer@wisc.edu) or 608-625-0601.

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## ***New Resources for ACCESS for ELLs***

### **Speaking Guidance Documents**

WIDA has created ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Online Speaking Guidance documents to help educators prepare their students for the Online Speaking test. These documents provide strategies for student preparation and can be found on the [Preparing Students tab](#) (WIDA > Assessment > ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 > Preparing Students).

### **WIDA AMS Videos**

WIDA has also created some short (two-minute) videos that explain the key functions of test management and administration, which are on the [WIDA AMS resource page](#) (WIDA > Assessment > WIDA AMS).

## Other Resources

As announced in last month's *Assessment Update*, a variety new and updated of resources are on the [Preparation & Training page](#) (wida.us > Assessment > ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 > Preparation & Training), and the Online Sample Items are on the [Preparing Students page](#) (wida.us > Assessment > ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 > Preparing Students).

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## Upcoming Training Opportunities

### Teacher Professional Development and Focus Groups

MDE is partnering with Educational Service Cooperatives across the state to provide free professional development for teachers. There will be information about MDE data, reports, resources, and the new teacher website. Lunch will be provided, registration is required, and space is limited. For more information, access the cooperative's website using the links below or contact Holly Brunson at [holly.brunson@state.mn.us](mailto:holly.brunson@state.mn.us).

TRAINING CITY	DATE	LINK TO WEBSITE/REGISTRATION
Thief River Falls	Tuesday, Nov. 28	<a href="#">Northwest Service Cooperative</a> (nw-service.k12.mn.us)
Fergus Falls	Wednesday, Nov. 29	<a href="#">Lakes Country Service Cooperative</a> (lcsc.org)
Staples	Thursday, Nov. 30	<a href="#">National Joint Powers Alliance</a> (njpacoop.org)
Mountain Iron	Wednesday, Dec. 6	<a href="#">Register for the Mountain Iron training.</a>

### Longitudinal Reporting in PearsonAccess Next

Pearson will provide a longitudinal reporting webinar on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 10–10:45 a.m. It will provide details on Longitudinal Reports, Longitudinal Export, Historical Student Data, and the Longitudinal Dashboard. [Select this link to join the webinar on Nov. 9.](#) No registration is required, but it is limited to 150 participants.

- Call-in phone number: 877-554-0877
- Conference Code: 571 468 0293
- Password: Pearson

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## *Odds and Ends*

- **MDE Closed:** MDE will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day.
- **Attachment:** *ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Field Test*

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