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New ACCESS Online Writing Sample Items

New sample items for the grades 1 and 2–3 ACCESS Online Writing test have been added to the WIDA website. The refreshed tier A and tier BC items include student response pages, instructions, and a test administrator script. Find these and other resources to prepare students on the [ACCESS Test Practice and Sample Items](#) page.

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Upcoming Opportunities

November Q&A Sessions

As communicated in the Oct. 25 *Assessment Update*, MDE will host the following Q&A Sessions in November:

- November Q&A Session (2): Preparing to Train Staff on Nov. 14, 2–3 p.m.
- November Q&A Session (3): Pretest Editing on Nov. 28, 2–3 p.m.

Please refer to the Oct. 25 [Assessment Update](#) for more details including prerequisites, registration links, and links to submit questions prior to the session.

MDE Employment Opportunities

The Data Practices and Analytics division is currently seeking qualified candidates for three positions. If you are interested (or know someone who may be interested) in a new and challenging opportunity, consult the position description and application instructions on the State of Minnesota Careers website. Visit the [State of Minnesota Careers](#) website for more information and to apply. All three positions are open until Nov. 27.

Results Measurement Specialist: This role will be responsible for the development and administration of results measurement activities for the Expanded Learning Opportunities team as they relate to state and federal programs in the areas of youth development, out-of-school time, and school/community collaboration. The Job ID is 70983.

Quantitative Analyst: This role will support the Special Education Division with high quality, accurate, relevant and timely quantitative analyses. The Job ID is 70864.

Change Management Specialist: This role will provide strategic oversight over the adoption of changes required to integrate the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) data systems into Ed-Fi (an educational data standard) in order to maximize the benefits of Ed-Fi for Minnesota school districts and MDE program areas. The Job ID is 70354.

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Odds and Ends

MDE will be closed this Friday, Nov. 10, in honor of Veterans Day (Observed).

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