

The State of South Dakota is part of the WIDA Consortium. In 2015-2016, South Dakota will begin the administration of the new, annual summative assessment, ACCESS for ELLs 2.0. This is an online assessment that will be replacing the current paper-based version of ACCESS for ELLs for Grades 1-12. The paper-based assessment will continue to be available for school districts who don't have the technology to go online. Paper-based will also be available as an accommodation. The W-APT will continue to be paper until the Spring of 2016. Alternate ACCESS will remain the same as previous years.

For more information on what is new and the benefits of the online assessment please visit the WIDA website at <https://www.wida.us/> .

Under PREPARATION RESOURCES you will find that WIDA has developed checklists to provide specific information to support test preparation and administration for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 in 2015-2016. These checklists are for the following roles:

- *Technology Coordinator- responsible for all technical and system set up for online testing*
- *Test Coordinator- responsible for the overall coordination or test administration activities*
- *Test Administrator- responsible for administering ACCESS for ELLs 2.0*

You can find these checklists posted to the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0- Preparation Resources page on the WIDA website at:

<https://www.wida.us/assessment/access20-prep.aspx> .

Training requirements will be different for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Key Components of ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Training

Table A: Updates to Training by Role

	Test Coordinators	Test Administrators	Technology Coordinators	All Roles
Updates for 2015-16	Test Coordinator training will be separate from Test Administrator training to help guide those who perform this critical role.	<u>Online test:</u> A new Online Test Administration Manual and web-based modules. <u>Paper test:</u> A new Test Administration Manual and Speaking Scoring module.	Technology Coordinator materials and web-based modules will be available for sites that will administer the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Online.	New training format includes interactive checklists along with more video, audio, and visual guidance. Will be able to view and try out practice test items to become familiar with the format.

Stay tuned for upcoming webinars from WIDA. If you have any questions please contact Yutzil Becker at yutzil.becker@state.sd.us 773.4698