

# Assessment News Alert-

## January 6, 2024

This message was sent to assessment coordinators and WIDA contacts in public school districts and several approved programs and non-public school systems.

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### SD-ELP (ACCESS Updates)

- **DRC: Apple iPad Technology Updates | Action Required.** Apple recently updated iPad technology which has the potential to impact online testing for ACCESS. DRC released version 15.2 of the secure application for iPads. The update will be required and must be installed on iPad devices before testing. Details for updating the secure application on iPad devices can be found in the *DRC INSIGHT Technology User Guide* located in [WIDA AMS](#) under My Applications | General Information | Documents.
- **Required Non-Disclosure Agreement.** For the SD-ELP (ACCESS) Assessment, all Assessment Coordinators and Test Administrators **must** sign the SD DOE Non-Disclosure agreement before proctoring the SD-ELP (ACCESS) assessment. Form can be found here: [SD DOE Non-Disclosure](#)
- **Test Materials.** SD DOE orders all materials for the ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS assessments.
  - SD-ELP (Access) Assessment materials have been ordered for all identified EL students in Infinite Campus as of Nov. 27, 2024. **These materials will arrive in district between January 8-10, 2025.**
  - If additional materials are needed, these orders are placed by Title III office. Please make sure that you do not have an overage of materials before you request more. Please follow the [Additional Orders Process](#) found under Forms.
- **New English Learners Identified after November 27, 2024**
  - Students identified as English Learners after November 27, 2024 will need to be added to DRC/AMS by Title III office. Please follow the [New Student Upload Process](#) found under Forms.
  - Students will be added beginning January 8 through the end of the testing window

- **SD-ELP (ACCESS) Assessment Testing Window**
- January 28 – February 28, 2025
  
- **Upcoming Timeline for SD-ELP (ACCESS)**
  - 1.6.25 – 2.28.25 – WIDA AMS Test Setup available for Registrations
  - 1.8.25-1.10.25 – Districts receive test materials
  - 1.8.25-2.21.25 – Additional test materials ordering window in AMS
  - 1.28.25-2.28.25 – Testing Window
  - 3.10.25 – Deadline for shipping completed test materials to DRC – POSTMARKED by
  - 5.6.25 – Districts receive reports and data – Online
  - 5.12.25-5.14.25 – Districts receive reports - Printed

### Other Assessment Updates

- **New Assessment Coordinator Check-ins.** The Office of Assessment & Accountability will host monthly 30-minute Zoom meetings with new Assessment Coordinators (or anyone who wants to attend). The first one will be on **Jan. 9 at 1:30 pm CT (12:30 pm MT)**, and topics includes ACCESS (what to know), important upcoming dates, training requirements/recommendations, and supports/accommodations guidance. I will send out a calendar invite this week. Below is when they will all take place, so you can put them on your calendar:
  - Jan. 9 at 1:30 pm CT (12:30 pm MT)
  - Feb. 13 at 11:00 am CT (10:00 am MT)
  - Mar. 11 at 11:00 am CT (10:00 am MT)
  
- **Interim Assessment Trainings.** The Office of Assessment & Accountability is hosting various interim Assessment trainings virtually and in person. The in-person trainings are more in-depth and will have teachers/administrators in attendance to share their specific experiences with the interim assessments. The virtual trainings will only provide a quick overview of the interim assessments and are geared more towards those who have administered them in the past. Click on a link below to register. **Please share with your teachers and administrators.**
  - [Virtual - Jan. 14 at 3:30 pm CT \(2:30 pm MT\)](#)
  - [Virtual - Jan. 15 at 4:30 pm CT \(3:30 pm MT\)](#)
  - [Virtual - Jan. 16 at 11:00 am CT \(10:00 am MT\)](#)
  - [In person - Jan. 28 - Mitchell](#)
  - [In person - Jan. 30 - Rapid City](#)
  - [In person - Feb. 4 - Brookings](#)
  - [In person - Feb. 6 - Mobridge](#)

- Summative Assessment Target Report.** Need help analyzing your district's summative data? Our team can create a customized three-year target report for your school or district. These reports are especially valuable for:
  - Planning instruction for the second semester
  - Identifying focus areas for interim assessments
  - Preparing strategically for summative assessments
 Please contact [Rebecca Frerichs](#) to request your target report.
  
- Summative Assessment Winter Roadshow.** Every winter, the Office of Assessment & Accountability provides regional trainings for district assessment coordinators. District assessment coordinators are then tasked with training their teachers and proctors over the various summative assessments. Click on a link below to register! Each training will begin at 10:00 am and end by 3:00 pm local time.
  - [Feb. 19 - Pierre](#)
  - [Feb. 20 - Rapid City](#)
  - [Feb. 25 - Watertown](#)
  - [Feb. 26 - Sioux Falls](#)
  - [Feb. 27 - Sioux Falls](#)
  
- MSAA Upcoming Timeline.** Our vendor clarified that only State-level users have received a log in for the system. District level testing coordinators (TCs) will receive their log ins in February right before the required training videos go live. Please see below for the MSAA Milestones.

<b>Task:</b>	<b>Description/Notes:</b>	<b>Timing/Dates:</b>
<b>Student Enrollment</b>	Designated State MSAA Coordinator pre-admin student enrollment window.	<b>12/11/24 – 1/8/25</b>
<b>District/School User Creation</b>	Designated pre-admin user creation window	<b>2/10 – 2/14/25</b>
<b>Training Modules Window</b>	Online self-paced training videos that are required for test administration.  Test Administrator (TA) requirements: (6) TA Training Modules and Final Quiz Test Coordinator (TC) requirements: (6) TC Training Modules  <i>*2/18/25 is go live date, modules will remain available throughout admin window</i>	<b>2/18/25 – 4/25/25</b>
<b>Admin Window</b>	Operational testing window (7 weeks)	<b>3/10 – 4/25/25</b>
<b>Reporting</b>	Online Reporting Window	<b>7/14 – 9/5/25</b>