

# Assessment News Alert- Jan. 23, 2025

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)

- **SD-ELP (ACCESS) Assessment Testing Window – Opens on Tuesday!**
  - January 28 – February 28, 2025
- **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.
  - If additional materials are needed, these orders are placed by SD DOE’s 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 the SD DOE Title III Office. Please follow the [New Student Upload Process](#) found under Forms.
  - Students must be added by the SD DOE Title III Office through the end of the testing window.
- **DRC: Test Administrator Scripts.** We are writing to inform you of an issue related to the test administrator script for the ACCESS Online Grades 2-3 Writing test. This issue applies only to **Versions 3 and 4** of the test. The version number is located on the front cover of the test administrator script. On the final Writing task, the student is directed to turn the page and continue writing if they need more space. However, the student is provided with only one page to respond to this task. The following page of the test booklet indicates the end of the Writing test.

**Since SD has not administered the Writing test yet:** You may cross out the following language on **page 17 (Tier A) and page 25 (Tier BC)** in the ACCESS Online Grades 2-3 Writing test administrator script (**Versions 3 or 4 only**): “If you get to the bottom of this page and need more lines to write on, you may turn the page and write on the back.”

- **DRC: Text spacing issues on Chromebooks.** DRC has recently fielded calls from clients that are seeing text spacing issues when testing on some Chromebooks. While DRC is actively investigating this issue with Google, we want to provide some initial solutions that help to solve our clients’ spacing issues and enable students to keep testing:
    - Move to another testing device, if available.
    - If another device is not available or does not work, please try the following:
      1. Before even launching DRC INSIGHT, hold Shift+CTRL on the Chromebook and press + exactly 5 times. (This should put the screen size at 1138 x 640 or 120%.)
      2. Then launch the DRC INSIGHT application, log in to a test, and everything should display as expected.
- OR:
1. Before even launching DRC INSIGHT, hold Shift+CTRL and press – until the screen will not go any smaller.
  2. Then hold Shift+CTRL and press + exactly 6 times. (This should put the screen size at 1138 x 640 or 120%.)

3. Then launch the DRC INSIGHT application, log in to a test, and everything should display as expected.
4. After exiting out of DRC INSIGHT on the device, the workaround will need to be repeated before a student launches DRC INSIGHT again.

If the provided steps do not resolve the issue, please contact DRC Customer Support with any questions at

[WIDA@DataRecognitionCorp.com](mailto:WIDA@DataRecognitionCorp.com) or call 1-855-787-9615 (TTY: 763-268-2889).

- **Upcoming Timeline for SD-ELP (ACCESS)**
  - 1.6.25 – 2.28.25 – WIDA AMS Test Setup available for Registrations
  - 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

- **Interim Assessment In-Person Trainings (Please share with your teachers and principals).** The Office of Assessment & Accountability is providing regional Interim Assessment trainings. These trainings are in-depth and will have teachers/administrators in attendance to share their specific experiences with the interim assessments. Participants will receive four Continuing Education Contact Hours for attending. All trainings will begin at 10:00 am local time zone. Click on a link below to register!
  - [Jan. 28 - Mitchell](#)
  - [Jan. 30 - Rapid City](#)
  - [Feb. 4 - Brookings](#)
  - [Feb. 6 - Mobridge](#)