

Assessment News Alert- Feb. 12, 2025

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

General Assessment Updates

- **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 assessment requirements. 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](#)
- **New Assessment Coordinator Check-in.** This month's New Assessment Coordinator Check-in is Thursday, February 13 at 11:00 am CT (10:00 am MT).

SD-ELP (ACCESS Updates)

- **SD-ELP (ACCESS) Assessment Testing Window**
 - January 28 – February 28, 2025
- **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.
 - **Last day to place an additional order will be Friday, Feb. 21 @ 3:00 pm CT**
- **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.
 - Please ensure that new students have been screened and an EL record is created in IC before sending the new upload
 - **For EL students who are transferring in from another SD district – please make sure that the receiving district is requesting the record transfer of EL records from the sending school**
- **Steps for running Writing Tier Placement Report**
 - Listening and Reading domains MUST be completed first
 - Login DRC
 - My Application
 - Test Management
 - Site Criteria – save
 - Confirm or select your **Registration Window**
 - From the View **Registration(s)** tab, locate the registration you wish to view or edit
 - Once you have located the desired registration(s), select the checkbox next to the registration(s) and click **Export Details** button (top right hand corner of screen)
 - This will provide the necessary tier placement

- *****Please Note the following from DRC**

- **DRC: Text spacing issues on Chromebooks.** DRC has received reports from across the WIDA Consortium of text spacing issues when testing on Chromebooks. Letters may appear spaced out or pushed together (overlapping), and a portion of some tables and graphics may extend beyond the visible screen. DRC is actively investigating the issue with Google to identify a permanent solution.

If a student experiences text spacing issues on ACCESS Online or WIDA Screener Online, the test administrator (TA) should **immediately** pause testing for the student. The TA can attempt the troubleshooting steps shared below or request troubleshooting assistance from the school's technology staff or DRC Customer Service. Once resolved, the student may resume testing.

When students resume testing, they will be able to continue where they were forced to pause. **Test administrators should encourage students to avoid selecting random answers in order to move past any tasks with rendering issues.** Once the TA implements the troubleshooting steps, the student will be able to view the task as intended and their score will not be impacted.

Troubleshooting options for an individual student experiencing this issue:

- Option 1: Before launching DRC INSIGHT, hold Shift and Ctrl and press + exactly five times. This should set the screen resolution to 1138 x 640 (120%).
- Option 2: Before launching DRC INSIGHT, hold Shift and Ctrl and press - until the screen size will not go any smaller. Then hold Shift and Ctrl and press + exactly six times. This should set the screen resolution to 1138 x 640 (120%).
- Option 3: Allow the student to test on another device, if available.

Troubleshooting steps for multiple devices:

- In the Google Admin Console, go to Devices > Chrome > Settings > Device Settings (tab).
- Scroll down to the Display settings section and select Screen Settings to see the internal display scale field.
- Select one of the following scale settings:
 - 95%
 - 110%
 - 115%
 - 125%
 - 130%

Contact [DRC Customer Service](#) at (855) 787-9615 if unable to resolve or more assistance is needed.

- **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