

## ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Frequently Answered Topics

This document is specifically designed to address questions from New Jersey educators. Visit WIDA's website for general questions related to [ACCESS Tests](#).

### General

In New Jersey, ACCESS 2.0 is a state assessment which counts toward school-level accountability toward the Accountability Profiles' English Language Proficiency Level (ELP) Indicator.

- Only certified teachers who have completed the WIDA training with an 80% passing or higher may administer the test.
- All Test Coordinators and Test Administrators must review the [WIDA Online Training](#) information and the [NJ Checklist](#).
- Students must continue to receive English as a Second Language daily instruction during all state assessment administration.

The [ACCESS 2.0 testing administration calendar](#) includes important date details for material ordering, testing window, and pre-reporting data validation.

Data from the State Assessment Registration Submission (SAR) in NJSMART generates the PreID file for ACCESS for ELLs test session labels. The [NJSMART Submission timeline](#) for SAR submission is from October 18 – December 2, 2019. Please ensure that **all ELLs in your district, including Grades Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> are included.**

- Be certain to include all students identified as ELLs (student with data in the NJSMART [SID submission](#) field ELLidentificationDate (p.64) and in [SAR submission](#) EnglishLearner (p.36) is marked as 'Y')

### State-Specific Directions

[New Jersey's State Specific Directions](#) on WIDA's website includes information about labels, test materials, return instructions, and common error solutions.

### Who takes ACCESS 2.0?

- All students identified on NJSMART with an ELLidentificationDate. These students are ELLs.
- All students identified as ELLs on NJSMART, whose parents have refused services, until the students reaches 4.5 or above, supported by multiple criteria. (ELLExitDate is REFUSED)
- Any ELL who does not have a date or has REFUSED in the ELLExitDate (p.65) field in NJSMART [SID submission](#), including any ELL who has reached a 4.5 or above but did not exit program, as supported by multiple criteria.

### Accessibility and Accommodations

- Students who are identified as ELLs and whose parents have refused services are still eligible for [accessibility and accommodations](#) support.
- All students Grades 1-12 use the ACCESS online platform for testing (Note: Grades 1-3 take the writing domain on paper). Kindergarten will continue to use the paper-based kit. Considerations for paper-based testing for all other grades are determined on an individual basis.

- Providing directions only in native language is permitted. As stated in the WIDA Test Administrator Manual on page 109 (2018-19 version), a TA may “*Rephrase, explain in English, or, if specifically requested, translate the directions into the student’s native language.*”. New Jersey allows this permission.
- Districts may use the [WIDA Accommodations Checklist](#) (Appendix E, p.35) to assist with determining appropriate supports for students.
- Students who take the DLM are eligible for the ALT-ACCESS. Districts may refer to the [Alt ACCESS decision tree](#) for more information.

## Testing Administration

- There is no time limit for students taking the ACCESS 2.0 test. For scheduling and planning purposes [test administration times](#) are posted.
- For Kindergarten students, the following testing administration can be used:
  - 1st semester Kindergarten: speaking and listening only of K test
  - 2nd semester Kindergarten: speaking, listening, reading, and writing of K test
  - 1st semester 1st grade: speaking, listening, reading, and writing of K test
  - 2nd semester 1st grade: speaking, listening, reading, and writing of grade cluster 1-2 test

## ACCESS for ELLs Paper

- Tiers on ACCESS for ELLs Paper are consolidated from Tiers A, B, and C to Tiers A and B/C. WIDA has developed [tier placement guidance](#) to provide support in placing students in the correct tier.

## Technology

- DRC, the ACCESS testing vendor for WIDA, has transitioned to Central Office Services (COS). The Testing Site Manager (TSM) will no longer be supported. Documentation supporting this technology transition can be found in both [WIDA AMS](#) and in the [WIDA Secure Portal](#). **Districts must transition to COS and delete TSMs prior to ACCESS for ELLs Online testing.**

## Miscellaneous

- Districts may not use Title III money to pay for headphones or other materials related to the administration of ACCESS 2.0.

## Resources and Contact

Additional upcoming webinars and topics can be found on the [2019-2020 WIDA Q&A Webinar Calendar](#) now in the Download Library of the WIDA Secure Portal. Save the dates for webinars and check back closer to the webinar date for login details.

For more information related to ACCESS administration in New Jersey, refer to the ACCESS 2.0 Broadcast or [Contact Us](#).