

2010 ACCESS for ELLs™

I. ACCESS Test Ordering Dates: October 19, 2009 – November 13, 2009

II. Testing Schedule for the 2010 ACCESS for ELLs™

Regular 2010 ACCESS Dates: January 11 – February 19, 2010

| Grades | Subjects | Dates |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Kindergarten | Reading, Writing, Listening, & Speaking | January 11 – February 19, 2010 |
| 1-12 | Reading, Writing, Listening | January 11 – January 29, 2010 |
| 1-12 | Speaking | January 11 – February 19, 2010 |

Waiver Options

ISBE allows districts and individual schools to apply for a modified testing window waiver if the regularly scheduled testing window conflicts with the school/district calendar or other issues. District superintendents have to apply to ISBE for permission to change the schedule in individual schools.

The deadline for requesting the waiver is October 30, 2009. Unlike ISAT waivers (where the entire district must follow the same testing window), ACCESS can be administered using different windows in individual schools. The two optional testing windows are:

Modified 2010 ACCESS Dates

Option 1: January 18 – February 26, 2010

| Grades | Subjects | Dates |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Kindergarten | Reading, Writing, Listening, & Speaking | January 18 – February 26, 2010 |
| 1-12 | Reading, Writing, Listening | January 18 – February 5, 2010 |
| 1-12 | Speaking | January 18 – February 26, 2010 |

Modified 2010 ACCESS Dates

Option 2: January 25 – March 5, 2010

| Grades | Subjects | Dates |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Kindergarten | Reading, Writing, Listening, & Speaking | January 25 – March 5, 2010 |
| 1-12 | Reading, Writing, Listening | January 25 – February 12, 2010 |
| 1-12 | Speaking | January 25 – March 5, 2010 |

Regardless of which testing window is used, it is *absolutely imperative* to meet all deadlines for returning answer documents to our scoring contractor. Failure to meet these deadlines may seriously jeopardize the return of results to your school/district in a timely fashion. If you have questions, contact the Student Assessment Division at 217/782-4823.

Waiver Application Form To
Modify Test Dates for the 2010 ACCESS for ELLs®

The deadline for returning this form is October 30, 2009

This page must be faxed or mailed to ISBE as soon as possible but no later than October 30, 2009 by schools that will NOT test during the regular testing window (January 11 – February 19, 2010), with the ACCESS for ELLs®. Verification of your request will be sent via fax.

Complete District Name, Number, and Address:

Region/County/District /Type (RCDT) Code

District Phone: _____

District FAX: _____

The district named above requests to conduct testing for the ACCESS Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking tests (Kindergarten – Grade 12) during the following time period:

Modified Dates (check one):

_____ Option 1: January 18 – February 26, 2010

_____ Option 2: January 25 – March 5, 2010

Reason for Request (check one):

_____ Local testing conflict

_____ Intersession for year round school calendar

_____ Other – please explain: _____

In requesting this modified testing schedule, your district agrees to return all test materials to the contractor according to arrangements that will be made by the contractor. Not returning test materials by established deadlines may jeopardize your results being returned in a timely fashion.

Name of Superintendent (printed)

Signature of Superintendent

Date

Mailing Address: Illinois State Board of Education
Student Assessment Division – E216
Attention: Cathy
100 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62777-0001

ISBE FAX Number: (217) 782-6097

For Office Use Only:
This request was approved by:

(Signature of Division Administrator)

Date