

ISBE DELL e-Broadcast 2006.37: English Language Learners

Dear Colleagues in Education:

The WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) known as the Screener, Version 2, is now available to Illinois public school districts serving English Language Learners to determine eligibility for ELL program/service placement. **All copies of the previous W-APT™ should be destroyed, and Version 2 should be used as its substitute.**

Please note that students who score less than 4.0 on the W-APT screener are deemed eligible for Language Support Services (Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) or Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI)).

School district administrators in charge of the district ELL services will need to use the login (the username and password) that ISBE Assessment Division sent to the superintendent and TBE/TPI program directors by US Mail in the fall of 2005. Superintendents and program administrators needing assistance with usernames and pass codes are instructed to call the Division of Assessment at 217-782-4823.

To get to the [ACCESS For ELLs™ & W-APT™](#) Screener, go to <http://www.wida.us> . Look for the ORANGE “Highlights” toolbar.

To get additional navigational guidance to [ACCESS For ELLs™ & W-APT™](#) go to critical links at: <http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/access.htm> or call Bill Garcia at 312-814-3850.