

## 2009 ACCESS for ELLs™

### I. ACCESS Test Ordering Dates: October 20, 2008 – November 14, 2008

### II. Testing Schedule for the 2009 ACCESS for ELLs™

#### Standard 2009 ACCESS Dates: January 12 – February 20, 2009

Grades	Subjects	Dates
Kindergarten	Reading, Writing, Listening, & Speaking	January 12 – February 20, 2009
1-12	Reading, Writing, Listening	January 12 – January 30, 2009
1-12	Speaking	January 12 – February 20, 2009

#### Waiver Options

ISBE allows individual schools to apply for a modified testing window waiver if the main testing window schedule conflicts with school schedules or other school calendar 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 31, 2008.** 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 2009 ACCESS Dates

##### Option 1: January 20 – February 27, 2009

Grades	Subjects	Dates
Kindergarten	Reading, Writing, Listening, & Speaking	January 20 – February 27, 2009
1-12	Reading, Writing, Listening	January 20 – February 6, 2009
1-12	Speaking	January 12 – February 27, 2009

#### Modified 2009 ACCESS Dates

##### Option 2: January 26 – March 6, 2009

Grades	Subjects	Dates
Kindergarten	Reading, Writing, Listening, & Speaking	January 26 – March 6, 2009
1-12	Reading, Writing, Listening	January 26 – February 13, 2009
1-12	Speaking	January 26 – March 6, 2009

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.