

2017 Teacher-led Tryouts for New ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Test Tasks April 24–May 5, 2017

The Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) is pleased to announce an upcoming opportunity for teachers and students to contribute to new ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 test tasks. We are seeking your help recruiting sites for this critical test development research, and we very much appreciate your continued support!

Purpose: To ensure that ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing tasks are accessible to students at the targeted proficiency levels.

Who:

- We are seeking teachers who work with English language learners in Grades 1–12, at all proficiency levels (1–6), including students who have recently been exited from ELL support services.
- Only students who are selected by the school and receive parental consent will be allowed to participate

What:

You will receive a packet of **Writing Tryout materials** from CAL. This will include administration instructions, response booklets, and a short online survey about the tasks.

- You will identify 10–20 students to participate in the Tryouts and collect parental permission forms from your students before conducting the Tryouts.
- In small groups of 5, students will spend **about 30 minutes** taking the Writing tasks:
 - Students in **Grades 1–3** will view and respond to tasks using a printed booklet. CAL will provide the booklets to you.
 - Students in **Grades 4–12** will view Writing tasks on the computer and respond in a printed booklet. CAL will provide you with instructions for setting up the testing system using Google Chrome and provide booklets for each student.
- After the Tryouts, you will complete a short online survey about the Writing tasks and return all Tryout materials and responses to CAL.

Each teacher who returns all writing samples and secure test materials and completes the survey will receive a **\$150 gift card** to be used for school supplies.

When: April 24–May 5, 2017

- The total **student time commitment**: 30 minutes each
- **Participating teachers** will conduct one to three 30-minute Tryout sessions depending on the grade level and number of students participating. The survey will take approximately 20–30 minutes to complete.

Pre-Tryout Preparation:

- We will send you an email with detailed information about technology requirements (for Grades 4–12) and recruiting students.
- You will receive a package of secure materials for administering the Tryouts.
- Before the Tryouts, you will need to collect signed consent forms from students.
- Before the Tryouts, you will need to complete a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).

Next Steps:

Email **Tanya Bitterman** (tbitterman@cal.org) by **April 7, 2017**. In your email, please indicate:

- Your school, school district name, and state
- Total number of students you have who could participate
- The number of potential student participants at each grade cluster and proficiency range (levels 1–3, levels 4–5, and exited); please fill out the table below and include it in your response

Number of potential student participants			
Grade Cluster	Proficiency range 1–3	Proficiency range 4–5	Exited from ELL services
1			
2–3			
4–5			
6–8			
9–12			

After receiving this information, we will contact you directly to confirm participation.

Thank you for your interest in this research activity!