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NEW RELEASE

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MODULES: *ENGLISH LEARNER TOOL KIT*

ISBE is excited to release a series of Professional Development Modules to support districts, schools, and communities in building local capacity on the federal and state legal requirements to English learners (EL). In collaboration with the [Midwest Comprehensive Center](#), ISBE designed a series of modules based on the [English Learner Tool Kit](#) and with Illinois-specific guidance on ELs. The modules have presenter notes to allow for teachers, principals, district staff, parents, and community stakeholders to use this resource to conduct local presentations or self-paced learning.

You may find the updated list of assigned consultants by clicking on the link provided



https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FY_19_Principal_Consultant_list.pdf

You may find the updated Key Dates by clicking on the link <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/key-dates.pdf>

GRANTS

GRANT PERIODIC REPORTS

Be sure to submit your grant periodic reports on time. You can find additional information about [Title III Grant Periodic Reports here](#). Also, the updated reporting tools for FY19 are now posted on our webpage and shared below:

- [FY19 LIEP Grant Periodic Report Template](#) 
- [FY19 Immigrant Grant Periodic Report Template](#) 

BILINGUAL STORIES IN ILLINOIS

EXCHANGE VISITOR TEACHER PROGRAM: WAUKEGAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #60

Our experience with ISBE's Exchange Visitor Teacher Program has impressed us over the years. The efficiency of the initial interviews in Madrid, the quality of the candidates interviewed and overall process abroad has proven to be very organized. Our visiting teachers have been supportive of our dual language initiatives and several have been rewarded for high growth percentiles in areas such as reading and mathematics. We strongly support this program as it provides excellent teaching candidates for hard to fill vacancies.

ISBE-SPONSORED WORKSHOPS

FREE UPCOMING FY19 WIDA WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

To register for WIDA workshops for FY 19, please visit the registration website at <http://webapps.isbe.net/ISBEConference>

TOPIC	DATE AND TIME	LOCATION
Foundational Concepts eWorkshop for K-12 Educators Self-Paced	Runs from September 1, 2018 -June 30, 2019	eWorkshop /Webinar Please click on the eWorshop for more information.
Scaffolding Learning Through Language	January 16-17, 2019	EMSD Administrative Center 3451 Morton Drive East Moline, IL
Formative Language Assessment	January 22-23 2019	Sterling Holley Center 2000 Christina St. Rockford, IL 61104
Formative Language Assessment	January 22-23 2019	Glenview SD Springman Middle School 2701 Central Road Glenview, IL 60025
Pedagogia con Respetto: Using WIDA Standards and Tools to Support Emergent Bilinguals	February 20, 2019	Oswego East HS 1525 Harvey Road Oswego, IL 60543

ISBE-SPONSORED IRC WORKSHOPS

2018-2019 ISBE sponsored PD through the Illinois Resource Center (IRC). Please click [2018-2019 ISBE Professional Development Offerings catalog](#).

ISBE-DEL in conjunction with the Illinois Resource Center has developed a Technical Assistance (TA) website based on the six elements from *Equitable Access to Educational Excellence: Framing Services for English Learners in Illinois*. The TA website contains resources within each of these six areas and can be found at <http://ta.isbe-dell.net/>.

WIDA UPDATES

SUPPORTING PARENTS AND FAMILIES

The following resources for supporting parents and families are available on the Family Engagement page of the WIDA website.

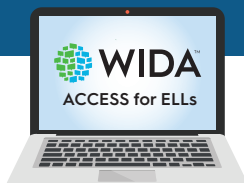
- The My Child is an ELL Flyer is now available in Spanish. This visual was developed to help educators explain the ELL identification process to parents and family members.
- The K-12 Family Webinar Series (available in English and Spanish) dives deeper with information on key topics including what it means to be an ELL, the WIDA standards and assessments, and how to interpret scores.
- Both the Parent Handout and Parent Guide for ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Score Reports are available in several languages in the WIDA Resource Library.

ACCESS for ELLs Paper • Speaking Test At a Glance

Planning to deliver the Speaking test? Use this handy guide to make sure you've got it all covered.

LEARN

1. Complete the ACCESS for ELLs Paper [training course](#). (Check [State Checklist](#) for specific requirements.)
2. Then, complete the [Core Speaking Assessment Training](#).
 - Module 1: Overview and Test Structure
 - Module 2: Speaking Assessment Scoring Practice.
 - 2018-19 Supplemental Training for the Speaking Assessment
3. Review the paper [sample test items](#) and [sound files](#).
4. Take Grades 1-5 and/or Grades 6-12 Speaking [Certification Quiz\(zes\)](#).
5. Download the [Speaking Scoring Scale](#).



PREPARE

1. Gather materials from the School Test Coordinator:
 - CD player and speakers
 - Listening & Speaking test CD
 - Speaking Test Booklet
 - Student Test Booklet
 - Test Administrator's Script
 - No. 2 Pencils
2. Set aside enough time. The test is delivered one-on-one and may take 15-35 minutes per student. Higher grade-level clusters and tiers may take a bit longer.
3. Find a quiet room, free of distractions. Post Testing Signs to each door of the testing room.



DELIVER

To begin, play the recorded audio prompts. Follow along in the Speaking Test Booklet. Do not press pause or stop the audio; response time is included in the audio files.

Nina is the model student. She helps students understand the task demands, and gives them an appropriate response as an example.

Ms. Lee is the virtual Test Administrator. She interacts with Nina and asks her questions that encourage language production.



SCORE

Score students' responses objectively as you go through the test.

Remember that you are assessing students' language, not the content accuracy of their responses. This is true for all ages and proficiency levels.

Keep the [Speaking Scoring Scale](#) in front of you when you score.

[No Response](#) → [Attempted](#) → [Adequate](#) → [Strong](#) → [Exemplary](#)

After testing, return all test materials to the school Test Coordinator.



Questions? Contact the WIDA Client Services Center at help@wida.us or 1-866-276-7735



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SPEAKING TEST AT A GLANCE [INFOGRAPHIC](#)

ACCESS FOR ELLS: WHAT'S NEW FOR 2018-19?

Looking for a summary of new materials and changes? Check out the ACCESS for ELLs: What's New for 2018-19 infographic posted on the Assessment Updates page of the WIDA website.

ACCESS FOR ELLS WRITING FIELD TEST

Recruitment for the ACCESS for ELLs Writing Field Test is well under way but WIDA is still seeking educators and students to help us reach our goal. If you would like to participate, check out the Writing Field Test Flyer.

CONFERENCES

[TESOL 2019](#)

DATE: March 12-15, 2019
LOCATION: Atlanta, GA
ATTENDEES: Ester J. de Jong, Caslon Publishing

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[NABE 2019 - 48th ANNUAL CONFERENCE](#)

DATE: March 7-9, 2019
LOCATION: Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
1000 Buena Vista Drive
Orlando, FL 32830

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