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Division of English Learners

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Evidence-Based Funding/English Learners

Reminder: FY 2019 English Learners Evidence-Based Funding Expenditure Reporting

The fiscal year 2019 EL-EBF expenditure reporting shows where EBF funds attributable to ELs were ultimately spent within each district. At the recommendation of the Illinois Advisory Council on Bilingual Education, only districts that received \$5,000 or more in total FY 2019 EL funds will be required to submit an expenditure report through the period ending June 30, 2019. Additionally, carry forward was permissible in FY 2018. Any FY 2018 EL-EBF funds not expended in FY 2018 will appear in the FY 2019 expenditure report. Districts will not be permitted to carry forward funds from FY 2019 into FY 2020.

All districts should report **direct costs from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019**. All FY 2019 EL-EBF expenditure reports **were due to ISBE on July 20, 2019**. If you have not submitted your expenditure report, please submit it as **soon as possible!**

Questions on expenditure reporting may be directed to the Division of Funding and Disbursements at (217) 7825256.

[For more information click here.](#)

Reminder: FY 2019 Bilingual Education Program Delivery Report (PDR) Submission

The 2019 Bilingual Education Program Delivery Report **was due July 31, 2019**. If your district has not yet submitted the report, please complete the submission as soon as possible **as it is now overdue**. Please refer to the PDR User Guide in IWAS to complete your submission. For technical assistance on how to access IWAS, please contact the Help Desk at (217) 558-3600. For any assistance regarding questions in the PDR, please contact Dr. Seon Eun, Data Strategies and Analytics Division at (312) 814-3007.

[For more information click here.](#)

2019 BILINGUAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 (*New Directors*)

Thursday & Friday, September 26 - 27, 2019 (All Directors)

The Westin Chicago Northwest 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL 60143

[More information and mail-in registration form](#)

[Register online](#)

ISBE-Sponsored Workshops

NEW! Free Upcoming FY 20 WIDA Workshops and Webinars

For more information and registration, please visit: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/WIDA-Workshops.aspx>

In-Person Workshops

TOPIC	DATE	LOCATION
Leading Schools for Multilingual Learner Achievement	September 10-September 11	Beach Park Middle School 40667 N Green Bay Rd, Beach Park, IL 60099.
ACCESS for ELs Paper Test Administration	October 1, 2019	Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph Chicago, IL, 60601 Suite 14-300 (ISBE Office)
Purposeful Lesson Planning for Language Learners	October 7, 2019 October 8, 2019	Glenview School District Administration Building, 1401 Greenwood Rd., Glenview, IL 60026
Scaffolding Learning through Language	October 16-17, 2019	Skokie 73.5 McCracken Middle 8000 E Prairie, Skokie, IL
Interpreting Access for ELs Score Reports for Instruction	October 24, 2019	Proviso SD 8601 Roosevelt Road, Forest Park, IL
Writing with Multilingual Learners in the Elementary Grades	December 4-5, 2019	Glenview SD Administration Building, 1401 Greenwood Rd., Glenview, IL 60026

Webinars

TOPIC	DATE
WIDA Screener Overview	August 23, 2019 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Supports in Action for Multilingual Learners Online Live	September 27, 2019
Language Specialists: Engaging Newcomer Multilingual Learners Online Live	Webinar 1 9/27/19 Webinar 2 10/23/19 Webinar 3 12/4/19
Educator Collaboration to Support Multilingual Learners: Webinar Series	Webinar #1: 10/4/19 Webinar #2: 11/4/19 Webinar #3: 12/10/19 Webinar #4: 01/10/20

NEW! 2019-2020 IRC-ISBE FREE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING!

The Illinois Resource Center (IRC) offers these free professional learning opportunities to Illinois educators with support from the Illinois State Board of Education [The catalog of 2019-2020 IRC-ISBE Free Professional Learning Opportunities is here!](#) As you plan for the coming school year, make sure to consider these dates!

Community

Updating Illinois Spanish Language Arts Standards:

Insights from the field

The Latino Policy Forum in partnership with Illinois Advisory Council on Bilingual Education conducted a survey to understand practitioner use of Common Core en Español Standards and interest in aligning the current Spanish Language Arts standards to Common Core. While Illinois has long had Spanish language arts standards, they are not aligned to Common Core nor the Illinois Learning Standards.



It is the hope that these survey findings illuminate the usefulness of Common Core en Español for Illinois practitioners. These findings are intended to inform future policy and advocacy efforts towards updating the state's Spanish Language Arts Standards and the development of an aligned assessment.

For the survey results, please [click here](#).

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE: FRAMING SERVICES FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS IN ILLINOIS

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/>.

Screening and Testing

ACCESS

NEW! WIDA Screener Awareness Week August 19-23, 2019

Educators who are new to WIDA Screener or who would like to refresh their knowledge are encouraged to [sign up](#) for **WIDA Screener Awareness Week, August 19-23, 2019**. During the week of August 19, all educators who opt in will receive a daily email from WIDA with information and resources about WIDA Screener certification, test administration, and scoring, designed to help educators successfully administer WIDA Screener.

NEW! WIDA Assessment Updates for 2019-20

Wondering what WIDA has planned for next year? The [2019-20 WIDA Assessment Changes flyer](#) communicates high-level changes for the ACCESS for ELLs suite of assessments as well as WIDA Screener. These changes will be implemented beginning on June 27, 2019 as we roll into the test administration year.

WIDA MODEL Online Writing Field Test

WIDA has been hard at work developing new test content for WIDA MODEL Online. The new items and tasks have been reviewed for content, bias, and sensitivity by educators and have now moved into the field testing phase. WIDA is looking for schools and students to participate in a field test for the new Writing tasks. Schools and districts interested in participating can find additional details and next steps on the [WIDA MODEL Online Field Testing Recruitment Flyer](#).

Updates/Reminders

Reminder: WIDA Secure Portal email logins

Educators who log in to the WIDA Secure Portal will be prompted to update their username to their work email address. This simple change makes it easier for users to remember login credentials and ensures accurate contact information.

Action Required: Transition from TSM to COS SD

The WIDA Consortium is transitioning from the Testing Site Manager (TSM) to DRC's new site management solution Central Office Service (COS) Service Device. Please encourage your districts to migrate to the COS Service Device in their configurations and to retire all of their TSMs before **August 15**. Beginning August 30, users with a TSM configuration will receive an error message when completing their readiness check.

The [Technology User Guide](#) and the [Tech Bulletin: TSM to COS Service Device](#), available in the **General Information – Documents** section of WIDA AMS, walk you through the process of installing a COS Service Device and integrating it into an existing configuration using the COS Device Toolkit. Documentation related to the transition to COS Service Device can also be found on the [Technology Coordinators page](#) of the WIDA Secure Portal.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

American Indian Education Research Alliance 2019 Conference

WIDA is co-sponsoring the 3rd Annual American Indian English learner Research Alliance (AIERA) Conference, taking place **August 27-29, 2019** in Albuquerque, NM. Learn more about this event and register on the [AIERA Conference website](#).

2019 WIDA Annual Conference Registration Is Open

Beautiful fall foliage, a thriving arts community, vibrant and diverse neighborhoods, and a renowned restaurant scene. These are just a few of the many reasons that Providence, Rhode Island is the perfect location for the [WIDA Annual Conference](#) which takes place **October 15-18, 2019**. With so many things to do, your conference experience is sure to be one that you won't forget! For more information or to register, visit the [conference website](#).

La Cosecha Dual Language Conference

November 13 - 16, 2019

Albuquerque Convention Center • Albuquerque, NM

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49th Annual National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) Conference

Pre-Conference: February 25, 2020

Conference: February 26-28, 2020

Tropicana Las Vegas

Las Vegas, NV

[More Information and Registration](#)