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Department of Multilingual Services (DMS)

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## WELCOME ALL TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

ISBE's Department of Multilingual Services wishes everyone a successful school year. For screening and enrollment information [visit our webpage here](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Division of English Learners is now the [Department of Multilingual Services \(DMS\)](#)!
- DMS would like to welcome Maddie Polovick and Trevor Cottle to the team!
- DMS is also now using Emergent Bilinguals (EBs) to refer to students identified as English Learners (ELs) in Illinois. The new terminology better reflects the agency's vision for our multilingual communities.

### ILLINOIS STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY

- The Report for the Seal of Biliteracy Awards for the 2018-2019 school year is now due on ISBE's Student Information System (SIS). This report is due by October 1, 2019.
- The Seal of Biliteracy Application for School Year 2019-20 is now available on SIS as well. All districts planning to award the Seal of Biliteracy to 2020 high school graduates must submit the Seal of Biliteracy Application on SIS by October 1, 2019.
- Districts must upload 2019-20 enrollments on SIS before they can submit the Seal of Biliteracy application

### **2019 BILINGUAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**REGISTER TODAY! Deadline is Sept. 6, 2019**

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 (New Directors)  
Thursday & Friday, September 26 - 27, 2019 (All Directors)  
The Westin Chicago Northwest 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL 60143

[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>

## Webinars

TOPIC	DATE
Cultivating Practices For Formative Language Assessment (eWorkshop)	September 1, 2019 Participation runs 9/1/19-5/30/20
Cultivating Practices To Support Language Learner Success (eWorkshop)	September 1, 2019 Participation runs 9/1/19-5/30/20
Grouping Strategies For Multilingual Classrooms	September 16, 2019
Supports in Action for Multilingual Learners Online (Live)	September 27, 2019
Language Specialists: Engaging Newcomer Multilingual Learners Online (Live)	Webinar 1 - September 27, 2019 Webinar 2 - October 23, 2019 Webinar 3 - December 4, 2019
WIDA ALT. ACCESS for ELLs Overview	October 3, 2019
Educator Collaboration to Support Multilingual Learners: Webinar Series	Webinar 1 - October 4, 2019 Webinar 2 - November 4, 2019 Webinar 3 - December 10, 2019 Webinar 4 - January 1, 2020

## 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 12:00 PM- 3:30 PM	Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph Chicago, IL, 60601 Suite 14-300 (ISBE)
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 Rd. 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

## 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!

## 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/>.

## Community

### Exchange Visitor Program

138 bilingual educators from Spain will work in Illinois classrooms in the 2019-20 school year as part of the Exchange Visitor Teacher Program. The total includes 63 new and 75 returning bilingual educators in 19 Illinois school districts. ISBE partners with the Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture to promote cultural exchange with Illinois communities and place bilingual educators in our local classrooms, as part of the Exchange Program of the U.S. Department of State. This is the 22nd year that Illinois has participated in the program. For more information, [please visit here](#).

### 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](#).

## Screening and Testing

### ACCESS

#### Welcome Back

WIDA looks forward to another successful school year supporting educators and the academic success of multilingual learners!

- **Connecting with Families:** WIDA supports language-focused family engagement, an approach that recognizes the importance of families and educators working together to support the language learning and development, and overall success, of multilingual children and youth. Check out our website for [ideas and resources](#) to connect with your students and families.
- **What's New?** The [What's New with ACCESS? flyer](#) shares a quick glance at upcoming enhancements for ACCESS for ELLs. For an in-depth explanation of these changes, join the Welcome Back webinar mentioned below.
- **Upcoming Webinars:** Join an upcoming webinar and learn about ACCESS for ELLs! Login details can be found on the WIDA Q&A Webinar Schedule.
  - o **Wednesday, September 18, 1pm-2pm CT** *Welcome Back: What's New This Year?*
  - o **Tuesday, September 24, 11am-12pm CT** *Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators*
  - o **Thursday, September 26, 1pm-2pm CT** *Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for New District Test Coordinators*
- **2019-20 Publications:** The *Test Administrator Manual*, *District and School Test Coordinator Manual*, and the *Accessibility and Accommodations Supplement* will be available **Wednesday, September 4. Technology**

documentation and resources for the 2019-20 test administration year have already been updated on [WIDA AMS](#) and the [Technology Coordinators page](#) of the WIDA Secure Portal.

- **Educator Involvement:** WIDA is now recruiting for a variety of assessment development opportunities and needs a diverse set of educators to participate in these events. The attached flyer contains a survey link. Educators in your state can complete the survey to be considered for participation in these or future WIDA events.

## Updates/Reminders

### Reminder: WIDA Secure Portal email logins

**ATTENTION: Disconnect TSM and Update to new DRC INSIGHT Software (COS-SD) for 2019-2020 Testing IMMEDIATELY!**

Discontinue use of and disconnect the Testing Site Manager (TSM) and instead use the Central Office Service (COS) Service Device ONLY effective August 30, 2019.

To avoid any interruption in the testing, please work with your Technology Coordinator to log into WIDA-AMS to the *Tech Bulletin: TSM To COS Service Device* that is available on the **WIDA AMS/General Information/Documents >Show Documents** page or the link below to help with the transition.

[https://isbe-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/bpederse\\_isbe\\_net/EjSQIorziJxGidRrC-ef5cMBVbsBUIHNNinEGpvKhxvg-0g?e=fq2Usw](https://isbe-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/bpederse_isbe_net/EjSQIorziJxGidRrC-ef5cMBVbsBUIHNNinEGpvKhxvg-0g?e=fq2Usw)

This will walk you through the process of installing a COS Service Device and integrating it into an existing configuration using the COS Device Toolkit. Should you need it, you can call DRC client support for more assistance at [WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com) or 1-855-787-9615.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

### ***2019 WIDA Annual Conference***

October 15 - 18, 2019

Rhode Island Convention Center • Providence, RI

[WIDA Annual Conference](#)

### ***La Cosecha Dual Language Conference***

November 13 - 16, 2019

Albuquerque Convention Center • Albuquerque, NM

[REGISTER NOW](#)

### ***Multilingual Illinois Conference***

December 3 to 6, 2019

Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center

3500 Midwest Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60523

<http://irc2.thecenterweb.org/site/conference>

### ***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](#)