



Illinois State Board of Education

Multilingual Department

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 Edition of the WIDA English Language Development Standards

Good news! There's more time to submit your feedback on the WIDA English Language Development Standards, 2020 Edition! You now have until **January 20, 2020** to complete the survey and share the draft with your colleagues. Illinois has over 220,000 English Learners K to 12, second in the WIDA Consortium only to Florida. It is important that your voice representing IL is heard on the content and presentation of this exciting revamp of the ELD standards. For more information, [click here](#).

GRANTS

FY 2021 INTENT TO APPLY

The FY 2021 EL – Title III Intent to Apply, which is the first phase of the application for Title III funding, is now open on eGMS. To complete the application for Title III funding, districts must also submit the Consolidated District Plan (CDP) and the ELL- Title III Application, which will be available on eGMS soon. For more information, [click here](#).

GRANT PERIODIC REPORTING

While districts are in the second quarter of Grant Periodic Reporting (1/30/2020), follow [these guidelines when completing the periodic reports to gain the stamp of approval!](#)

ISBE-Sponsored Workshops

FREE UPCOMING FY20 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
Writing with Multilingual Learners in the Elementary Grades	April 1- April 2	Glenview SD 1401 Greenwood Rd. Glenview, IL 60026

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.

ISBE and The Center: Early Childhood Professional Learning are excited to announce that the partnership between WIDA and Illinois now includes preschool. As a result, Illinois educators have access to the WIDA Early Years online learning modules. These modules focus on supporting young multilingual children, ages 2.5 to 5.5 years. The modules are FREE and take approximately one hour each to complete. ISBE and Gateways credit is available at the completion of each module. For more information, including how to access to the modules, click [here](#).

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

The Multilingual Department 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! Online ACCESS for ELLs Grades 4-12 Writing Test

It is imperative that students **who will *handwrite*** their Writing response instead of using a keyboard are placed into a Handwriting Response (HW) test session in WIDA AMS. Before beginning any Grades 4-12 Online ACCESS Writing test sessions, please verify that students are assigned to the test session in WIDA AMS that aligns with their response mode.

Please refer to pages 108-109 in the [WIDA AMS User Guide](#) for specific instructions on moving students to a HW test session.

This year, the Online Grades 4-12 Writing Test has embedded field test items. This means that the third writing task may be different for some students. If a student has been assigned the incorrect test session in WIDA AMS, they may see a different field test item online than the handwriting booklet. Should this occur after the test session is already in progress and the student has begun responding to tasks, the student should still complete testing and the district should submit the Handwriting Response booklet for scoring as usual. The third task, or field test item, will not contribute to the student's overall score.

The Test Setup Window for ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs takes place **Tuesday, December 3, 2019** through **Tuesday, March 3, 2020**. During this window, you will have the ability to view students and modify test sessions in [WIDA AMS](#). If you are administering ACCESS for ELLs online, you must make sure your students are entered in the appropriate test sessions.

Students for whom Pre-ID data was submitted will automatically be placed into generic test sessions based on grade cluster and domain. To view the test sessions, log into WIDA AMS, click on **Test Management** and then click on **Manage Test Sessions**. This view can be filtered by a specific district or school and displays the status of the test session: Not Started, In Progress, or Completed.

For detailed instructions on Test Setup, please refer to the *WIDA AMS Guide and Videos* section of the [WIDA Secure Portal](#). You can find this by selecting **ACCESS for ELLs Training Courses > Online Grades 1-12**. You may also refer to the *WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS) User Guide* located in WIDA AMS under **All Applications > General Information > Documents** for more information on Test Setup.

NEW! School districts who wish to administer the ACCESS for ELLs on paper in school year 2020 must submit a waiver request. This form is not required for paper test administrations for Kindergarten, to provide accommodations that require a paper mode administration to student with IEPs, to allow handwriting on paper for the Writing domain, or to administer the Alternate ACCESS. You may submit the [ACCESS Waiver Application for Paper Mode Testing here](#).

Updates/Reminders

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 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.

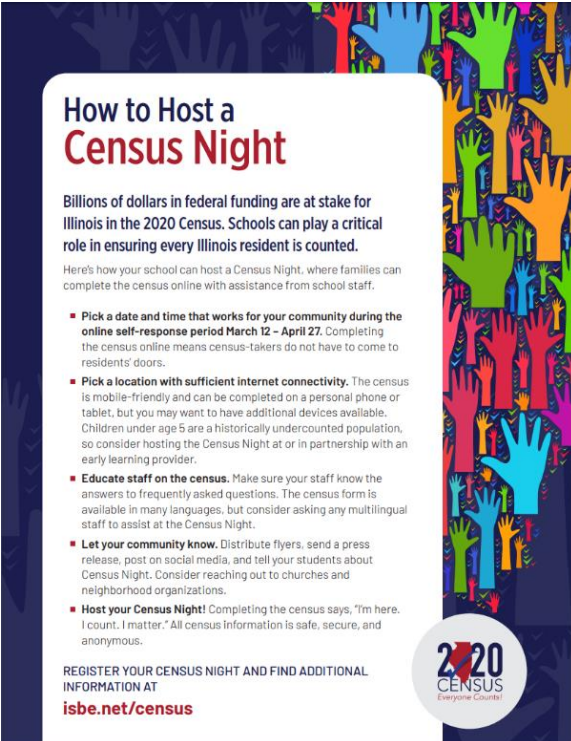
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This will walk you through the process of installing a COS Service Device and integrating it into an existing configuration using the COS Device Toolkit. Should you need it, you can call DRC client support for more assistance at WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com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

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Billions of Dollars Are at Stake for Illinois in the 2020 Census
Educators are trusted voices in communities and play a critical role in ensuring every Illinoisan is counted. Federal funding determined by the 2020 Census will support Head Start programs, nutrition services, Medicaid, and other services for children and families. Missing one child means missing out on federal funding for that child for the next 10 years!

ISBE is encouraging schools and districts to host Census Nights where families and community members can gather in a safe and trusted space to fill out the census online. To register your census night and for more information (including Census EDU Summit presentations), [click here](#).



How to Host a Census Night

Billions of dollars in federal funding are at stake for Illinois in the 2020 Census. Schools can play a critical role in ensuring every Illinois resident is counted.

Here's how your school can host a Census Night, where families can complete the census online with assistance from school staff.

- **Pick a date and time that works for your community during the online self-response period March 12 – April 27.** Completing the census online means census-takers do not have to come to residents' doors.
- **Pick a location with sufficient internet connectivity.** The census is mobile-friendly and can be completed on a personal phone or tablet, but you may want to have additional devices available. Children under age 5 are a historically undercounted population, so consider hosting the Census Night at or in partnership with an early learning provider.
- **Educate staff on the census.** Make sure your staff know the answers to frequently asked questions. The census form is available in many languages, but consider asking any multilingual staff to assist at the Census Night.
- **Let your community know.** Distribute flyers, send a press release, post on social media, and tell your students about Census Night. Consider reaching out to churches and neighborhood organizations.
- **Host your Census Night!** Completing the census says, "I'm here. I count. I matter." All census information is safe, secure, and anonymous.

REGISTER YOUR CENSUS NIGHT AND FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT isbe.net/census

2020 CENSUS
Everyone Counts!

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](#)

TESOL 2019

Conference: March 12-15, 2020

Georgia World Congress Center • Atlanta, GA

[More Information](#)