



Illinois State Board of Education

Multilingual Department

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Announcements

The Multilingual Department recognizes the quickly-changing nature of the current situation regarding COVID-19. Per the guidance we have received from Governor Pritzker and ISBE, we will be cancelling all face-to-face meetings, conferences, and professional learning effective immediately through June 30. We will continue to monitor the situation closely as it unfolds and will revisit extending this date if necessary. The cancellation does include the Fifteenth Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents that was scheduled for May 9, 2020. For more question or concerns please contact COVID19@isbe.net.

State Seal of Biliteracy

After a thorough review of data and with the recommendation from stakeholders, ISBE is advising districts may recognize a SAT cut score of 480 to demonstrate English proficiency for the State Seal of Biliteracy. This change is effective immediately. This recommendation is aligned with the College Board's recommended "College and Career Ready" cut score of 480. Please note that the previous cut score, 540, will still be used by ISBE for district accountability purposes under Every Student Succeeds Act. For more information on the State Seal of Biliteracy, [click here](#).

GRANTS

FY 2021 INTENT TO APPLY

We are extending the deadline to submit Title III Intent to Apply forms to April 27, 2020. This extension will not affect when districts receive their funding in September if they have submitted their Intent to Apply and then subsequently submit their full application by the respective deadlines. For more information, [click here](#).

ISBE-Sponsored Workshops

FREE UPCOMING FY20 WIDA WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

For more information and registration, click [here](#).

Webinars

TOPIC	DATE	LOCATION
Home Languages in The Classroom	Opens (Welcome): March 2 Webinar 1: April 8, 2020 Webinar 2: May 20, 2020	eWorkshop
Classroom Educators: Engaging Newcomer Multilingual Learners	Opens: April 6, 2020 Ends: August 31, 2020 *Complete time is 2 hours	eWorkshop

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 February – June 2020 IRC-ISBE Free Professional Learning Opportunities is [here](#)! As you plan for the coming school year, make sure to consider these dates.

WIDA Early Years

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. 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 [here](#).

Screening and Testing

ACCESS

NEW! Reminder: Non-Secure Materials

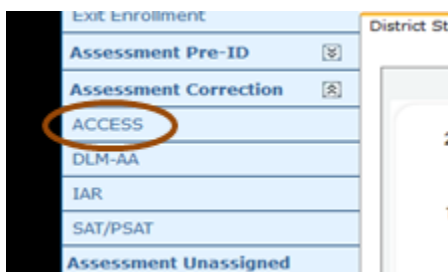
WIDA and DRC would like to remind districts that the following materials **should not** be returned to DRC at the end of ACCESS for ELLs testing:

- Test Administrator Manuals
- District and School Test Coordinator Manuals
- Grades 4-12 Online Test Administrator Scripts

These materials are not considered secure and can be recycled locally at the testing site or at a location determined by the district. Disposing of these materials locally decreases shipping costs and allows DRC to more quickly process secure test materials.

A complete list of all secure and non-secure materials can be found on page 70 of the [District and School Test Coordinator Manual](#).

NEW! ACCESS Corrections and Data Review



ACCESS Corrections are now active in [SIS](#). The last day of corrections for accountability is 8/14/2020.

ACCESS Preliminary Data Review is May 7-27, 2020.

NEW! Interested in Alternate ACCESS for ELLs?

WIDA will be revamping the [Alternate ACCESS for ELLs](#) assessment over the next four years. If you are interested in learning more information about this work, providing feedback on the current Alternate ACCESS

for ELLs design, or being notified of opportunities for involvement in development activities, please respond to this [short survey](#).

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Continuing Education Resources (#KEEPLARNING)

The Illinois State Board of Education curated free resources to assist districts, teachers, and parents during this unprecedented time. The intent is to provide free or temporarily free learning resources for teachers and parents to support student learning while Illinois' schools are closed. These resources do not represent an endorsement or recommendation of curriculum or eLearning systems. The Multilingual Department added resources to assist our EL students, teachers, parents, and staff. We would also like to thank Eulalia Valdez, EL Director for Berkeley SD 87 and Suzy Dees, Director for Professional Learning for West 40 ISC #2 for the additional recommendation of resources. For more information, [click here](#).

Illinois Resource Center's (IRC) Remote Learning Resources

Maggie Essig from the Illinois Resource Center has curated a document with additional resources for ELs during remote learning. You can find it [here](#).

Fifteenth Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents- CANCELLED

More Information [Click Here](#)