Announcements

DMS would like to wish Sam Aguirre the best of luck to his new career and future endeavors as he will be leaving ISBE at the end of the month. If you, or someone you know, is interested applying for the position of Director of Multilingual Services, please visit this page.

Grants

Title III-LIEP and Immigrant Grants need to comply with GATA Requirements. Thus, awarded districts must submit a Grant Periodic Report on IWAS for each of the grants. Please visit the GPR Page for deadlines, resources, and more information. **Districts should use the spreadsheets below to submit the quarterly reports due by October 31st for the grant period September 1-30, 2019.** Districts required to submit monthly reports should visit the website for additional information.

- **English Learner - Title III**
  - **Quarterly**
    - LIEP Grant Periodic Report Template
    - Immigrant Grant Periodic Report Template

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

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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

For additional info, click here.

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
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
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
ACCESS for ELs Paper Test Administration	October 22, 2019 Morning Session: 8:30 AM- 12:00 PM OR Afternoon Session: 12:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Bloomington School District 87 Community Room 300 E. Monroe St. Bloomington, 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/.

Screening and Testing

ACCESS

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.

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 **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.

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/EjSQIorzjlxGidRrC-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 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
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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