



Division of English Language Learning (DELL)

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Dear Program Directors:

Assessment

ELL Assessment Updates

1. [2016-2017 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 testing window](#): January 9 - February 10, 2017 (waiver for testing window available and will be identified in SIS)
2. New WIDA screener:
There is NO change in the list of allowable English proficiency screeners for Illinois districts in the 2016-2017 school year. Though WIDA is releasing a new screener (paper), ISBE will not adopt the newly released WIDA screener this year, and is waiting for further information from WIDA before making a decision about subsequent years. IL districts are required to continue using the State prescribed K-12 screening instruments (W-APT and MODEL) specified in the current rules in the Illinois Administrative Code, Part 228, Section 228.15. Please refer to the screener guidance posted in http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/access_screening.htm for more information.
3. 2016 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0: Online Score Reports Available on 8/10/16
Districts will receive their 2016 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 online reports on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. Online reports will be available in WIDA AMS Student Score Reports functionality. District-level users may view both district level and school level reporting. School level users may view school level reporting only. Please contact DRC Customer Service if you have any questions: WIDA@DataRecognitionCorp.com or 1-855-787-9615.
4. [2016 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 s General data correction and/or Score appealing process by WIDA - Writing and Speaking scores](#)
WIDA recently implemented a new process for states and educators to submit General Data Corrections and/or Scoring Appeals requests. General Data Corrections are data anomalies discovered after the Data Validation windows closed for the state. Scoring Appeals can occur if LEAs did not agree with the Speaking and/or Writing score of a particular student. Please read the [July 7 WIDA LEA memo](#) which provides information for LEAs regarding the new process. Please note that there has been a change in the cost for scoring appeals from the memo.

All ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 General Data Corrections and/or Scoring Appeals must be sent to State Education Agency (SEA) for approval. Please contact Barry Pedersen in the Division

of Student Assessment (866-317-6034 or bpederse@isbe.net) for the process and update on the scoring appeal charge.

5. Update and information regarding ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 in braille formats for 2016–17. Please read the [July 26 WIDA Braille memo](#).