



Division of English Language Learning (DELL)

DELL e-broadcast 2015-299: DELL newsletter

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Dear Program Directors:

ISBE – Sponsored Conferences and Workshops

FREE Upcoming WIDA Workshops

- 1) ACCESS for ELLs Score Reports for Instruction
February 23, 2016
ROE Center for Professional Learning
1519 S. Grace Street, Lombard, IL

- 2) Formative Language Assessment Workshop
March 8-9, 2016
Rockford ROE - Training Room
300 Heart Blvd, Loves Park, IL

For more information and registration details, please review the WIDA catalog at:
<http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/pdfs/wida-prof-dev15-16.pdf>

To register, please email the requested information to DELLRegistration@isbe.net.

!!!!SAVE THE DATE!!!! BILINGUAL PARENT SUMMIT

Date: May 7, 2016
Location: Hilton/Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center
3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, Illinois.

Presentations will be available in the following languages: English, Spanish, Polish, Korean, Chinese, Russian and Arabic.

Grants

FY17 TBE/TPI and Title III Intent to Apply Application

The Division of English Language Learning (DELL) is in the process of reviewing and approving **the FY17 TBE/TPI and Title III Intent to Apply Applications** as well as districts' EL and immigrant student data in the Student Information System (SIS). FY17 Intent to Apply Applications are due on IWAS on January 29, 2016. EL and immigrant student data on SIS must be complete and accurate by March 2, 2016. After that date, ISBE will extract the data used to generate district

TBE/TPI and Title III allotments for FY17. Data is extracted once for all districts statewide, and corrections cannot be made after the data is extracted. As part of the Intent to Apply review process, DELL consultants may send emails to some districts to alert them to major omissions or errors in their EL data reported on SIS. All districts should review their EL data on SIS prior to March 2 to determine that it is accurate and complete.

Reporting Preschool ELs on SIS

We have noticed that many districts have not been identifying Pre-K ELs as “LEP” on SIS. Please make sure that all your Pre-K ELs are marked as “LEP” in SIS. Also complete the ELL data section for each EL in Pre-K. ELs without complete data in SIS will not generate funding for district TBE/TPI and Title III programs and they will not be included in the attendance center enrollment reports which are reviewed in the second part of the application (FY17 TBE/TPI and Title III Consolidated Application).

Assessment

1. 2016 ACCESS For ELLs - Testing Window Adjustment

Paper testing materials for the ACCESS for ELLs assessment will not be shipped to Illinois districts and schools as originally scheduled due to data system complications. You should now expect paper ACCESS materials to arrive by January 19th, 2016. The testing window is being adjusted accordingly ([see the revised schedule](#)).

The standard testing window for all districts using paper materials is now January 25th to February 26th, 2016. The date by which to have materials picked up for return to the vendor (DRC) is March 4th, 2016. Please, note the following provisions that apply only to the 2016 ACCESS testing cycle.

- ACCESS testing with paper materials may actually begin earlier than January 25th. If you have materials and are ready, it’s not necessary to wait until January 25th.
- For online ACCESS testing, there is no schedule delay. It may begin as originally scheduled for your district (as early as January 11th), but it may now continue until February 26th. This is to accommodate districts that are using both the online and paper formats.
- The window for ordering additional paper materials still begins on January 6th, but now extends to February 19th.

This schedule adjustment is not expected to delay the availability of preliminary ACCESS results for data corrections, currently scheduled for May 9-27, 2016.

ISBE apologizes for this late change in the ACCESS testing cycle. If you have questions, feel free to contact Barry Pedersen in the Division of Student Assessment, 866-317-6034, or bpederse@isbe.net.

If any school districts currently scheduled to administer ACCESS on paper are interested in switching to the online format, wholly or partially, DRC is more than happy to work with them

toward that end. They may be reached at 855-787-9615, or wida@datarecognitioncorporation.com.

2. Student transfers during ACCESS testing window

In an effort to provide guidance to states regarding the steps to complete when students transfer to a new school or district during the testing window, WIDA and DRC developed the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Student Transfer Process. Attached you will find two documents, the [ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Student Transfer Process memo](#), and the [Student Transfer Form](#) that is submitted to DRC.

Resources

Save the Date: Saturday, March 19, 2016

JOB FAIR 2016 for Bilingual/ESL/Foreign Language Teachers, Aides & Administrators (PreK-12)

Hosted by the Illinois Resource Center. For more information, visit their website -

thecenterweb.org/irc

In the News

Teaching Science to English Language Learners

http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/classroom_qa_with_larry_ferlazzo/2016/01/response_teaching_science_to_english_language_learners.html

February: Black History Month Resources

<http://www.readingrockets.org/calendar/blackhistory>