

Fall Paper ACCESS Administration Webinar Q&A



Question	Answers
POLICY	
<p>When will the ordering window open? The administration window opened yesterday and shipping will take 2-4 days. I am testing 9 students only and that alone is going to take over a week.</p> <p>I tried to order and 2021-2022 Administration isn't an option.</p>	<p>The ordering window opened on 8/26. Shipping is 3-5 days and it may be that some are able to test immediately after this training.</p> <p>Please know we understand that the timeline is tight. Thank you for this undertaking, This is an extended window for 2020-21 - you want to order under this year. You must order for students in the prior grade level.</p>
<p>Is there a paper Alternate ACCESS for students who have an IEP? Are they exempt from this administration?</p>	<p>Alternate ACCESS is available. See slides 6 and 11 in PPT.</p>
<p>Do students who scored a Composite Proficiency Level 5 in the Spring 2021 ACCESS take this test?</p>	<p>No. No one who took the test in the spring (no matter the score) participates in this Fall test.</p>
<p>What happens if we can't find out if a new to our district student has taken the ACCESS test in the spring and we end up testing them a second time?</p>	<p>PED can provide the prior school DTC contact information and since WIDA spring reports were released on August 31, you can confirm with that prior school DTC. They would be able to see if that student has an ISR in the WIDA AMS.</p> <p>PED also suggests that the parent be a point of contact to confirm if they are aware of prior year participation - this also informs parent of schools intention to test their child.</p>
<p>Can I retest a student who somehow did not complete all sections of the test last spring (despite my knowing I submitted all the correct parts)?</p>	<p>Yes, this is also addressed in the last FAQ. You can have students complete the remaining sections.</p>
<p>Since this is an extension of the Spring window, my understanding is that those students who tested in the Spring should not be assessed again correct?</p>	<p>Yes. This is correct.</p>
<p>Do all ACCESS administrators need to be certified to offer the paper ACCESS on the WIDA Secure Portal?</p>	<p>Yes. This is crucial.</p> <p>Per NMAC 6.10.7, the TA must be a licensed</p>

	<p>professional. Please be familiar with the language in NMAC. This is posted in DTC Resources.</p> <p><i>2) Substitutes, educational assistants, school nurses, and coaches shall not administer standardized tests unless the individual additionally holds valid licensure to serve as a teacher, counselor, student success advisor, administrator, or instructional support provider</i></p> <p>Since we are an online testing state, PED realizes that paper administration certification is new for many, This is why we asked Sabrina to present and highlight what TAs really need to be attentive to.</p> <p>Sabrina: in reference to the speaking domain - if they are not administering the speaking portion, they do not have to be certified in that part.</p>
<p>I thought EAs (paraprofessionals) could not serve as a TA - PowerPoint states they can?</p>	<p>If they are <i>licensed educators</i> they can (e.g., retired teacher with an active license who now works as an EA). Same for licensed substitutes.</p> <p>See comment above.</p>
<p>Last year we were not able to screen any LOTE students, therefore we didn't have any EL students identified. Now these students are in first grade and they are currently being screened as well as new entry kindergarten. In short, we don't have any K-1 EL students. We cannot test these students since EL designation has not been made. Guidance please?</p>	<p>Please do not administer. Only those who have been screened and identified as ELs should be tested.</p>
<p>If you have a group of students with accommodations, what is the max amount of the group?</p>	<p>Generally, PED special education uses a guideline, of 8 for most restrictive classrooms. Typically, the small group ranges from 1-6, but small group size maximum is not detailed in NMAC.</p>
<p>How do find out the length of time a student has been identified as EL?</p>	<p>This information is available in STARS.</p>
<p>If we are going to use prior ACCESS scores, what is the general cut off for A vs B/C?</p>	<p>Students who scored a 2.1 or higher would be in the Tier B/C. Anything lower would be in Tier A. Be mindful of the literacy skills of the student. Any doubt, do Tier A.</p> <p>Overall composite score will determine this. Or the Screener.</p>

For the groups of 15, is that for the Reading, Listening and writing? Or just one of those sections?	Reading, Listening, Writing can be administered to groups of 15. Same grade levels and same tiers.
For speaking, this will need to be a one-on-one assessment correct?	Yes. All students required individual administration for Speaking.
Side note question, if we were not able to screen a student last school year and are able to screen them this year, do we screen them on their previous grade level or their current grade level?	Screen with their current grade level.
When trying to place an order 2021-2022 administration is not an option.	That window is not yet open. Use 2020-2021 ACCESS administration.
Do we know when the spring ACCESS test will be loaded in STARS? Spring 2021	Whatever data is cleaned up (by districts) will be available on October 7. Because of this, STARS data will be available by end of October is the goal. See note below for more information.
What is the turnaround time to receive scores? From Fall Administration?	Turn around time for Fall Administration scores will be on November 19, 2021.
Students can receive scores for the Reading, Writing, and Listening domains even if we run out of time to administer the Speaking domain to all students, right?	Yes, DRC will score what is returned. The absence of the Speaking domain will result in the student not receiving an overall composite score.
To clarify - we are testing our 9th graders as though they are 8th graders - but all scores will come to us and not their prior school because of the labels?	Yes, that is correct.
WIDA AMS or DRC	
NOTE TO NEW DTCS: WIDA will send data to districts for post validation data cleanup. This will happen before student results will be put in STARS.	Districts initially do data validation (pre and post) based on all merged tests per student assessed. WIDA has an archived webinar to explain how to do this.
If students have an accommodation that would normally allow them to have repeated audio on the online test, are we allowed to repeat information?	Review Accommodation Checklist to confirm whether the accommodation is permissible for the test domain.
For the speaking, do we need to record student	No, the Test Administrator will score the

responses?	student's verbal response in the Student Response Booklet.
The reading and listening sections can be administered to all students in one grade level at the same time, correct? Whereas writing is given to the students in the same grade level AND tier at the same time? Which test determines the tier?	Reading, Listening, and Writing group-administration require the same grade-level cluster and same tier. No Mixing of tiers or grade-level clusters. (1,2,3,4-5,6-8, 9-12) PBT is different from the CBT which is why we can adapt in mixed groups. Kinder is not tiered at all. Alt ACCESS is not tiered either. Paper Tier Protocol on WIDA Resources, paper ACCESS documents.
What are the required items that need to be ordered?	See DRC guidance for ordering test materials.
At what point are students tiered, and how do we determine what tier they are at? Same question. The online version usually does this after the Listening and Reading sections have been completed.	Tier assignment must be known prior to ordering test materials via WIDA AMS. Tier guidance is provided in the WIDA TAM. While on the CBT, it is tracked. For PBT there will not be a transition between tiers (no option to adapt). Regardless of the Tier, students can be scored proficient.
Where do we access the accommodations check list?	Go to the WIDA Secure Portal then to Resources then to Filter to Accommodations.
This is probably in the training, but will the CD come with the materials ordered?	The CD must be ordered via WIDA AMS.
I had not activated my DRC account and now it says the invitation has expired. When I click on send a new activation email, it states that there was a problem. What should I do?	Contact DRC Support: WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com 855-787-9615 They are very quick in responding to emails with a cc to Lynn.Vasquez@state.nm.us.
Where can we find the last ACCESS test results? In the DRC WIDA Secure Portal has a section for test but which one do we use to verify our EL students?	The last ACCESS results are found in the WIDA AMS platform under my applications then report delivery and then test results. There is also an option for a district data file collection.
Once we place an order how long will it take to	Shipping is quick. Depending on your zip code,

receive materials?	between 2-4 days.
If we already took the quizzes prior to the website redesign, do we need to retake the new versions?	No.
Do we have to also score the writing, or only the speaking?	You only score the speaking. DRC will score the writing.
Can we get a clarity on what someone just scoring the Speaking part has to do? If a Test administrator will not score the speaking component, can she still administer the speaking domain?	Get trained, administer, and score. You are responsible for the TA script, scoring all speaking components and doing all quizzes found in the WIDA Secure Portal (through the training course). If you are testing multiple grade levels, you are responsible for all of those quizzes. If you administer the speaking portion, you have to score it and also be trained to administer that portion.
When will the webinar for speaking be posted on the WIDA website?	Please refer to the email sent to DTCs on Friday September 3, 2021.
Is it acceptable to use the spring labels if we still have them for this fall test?	Yes, please use labels that were retained from the spring 2021 administration.
How can we get support to order the materials? I am new and I have never done the ordering.	Contact DRC Support: WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com 855-787-9615 They are very quick in responding to emails with a cc to Lynn.Vasquez@state.nm.us.
On the grade bubbling on the test booklets are we bubbling the previous grade for which they are being assessed?	Yes, that is correct.
In slide 45, TAs need to indicate the length of time in the program. Where can TAs find this information if the students transferred from a different school? Same thing, how can TAs locate previous ACCESS scores if the student just transferred from a different school?	The information is located in STARS.
I cannot find the training quizzes with the new website design. Can you direct me?	Assessment Training > Enroll Training Course > Quizzes are embedded in training course.

<p>Missing materials??</p>	<p>There is also a materials report on DRC site.</p> <p>The report will show all materials including the ones for FALL ACCESS administration. PED will also work with WIDA in October / November to follow up with this.</p>
<p>POWERPOINT, RECORDING, FAQs</p>	
<p>Will we have access to the slides of Lynn's presentation after this training?</p>	<p>Yes, we will place in the Google Folder, and post on the DTC Resources page.</p> <p>A copy version has been posted here: Copy of ACCESS for ELLs Overview LEAs NM.pptx</p>
<p>Where can I get this recording? My internet is very unstable and the sound goes in and out.</p>	<p>An email was sent to participants with the recording to all DTCs and links to information.</p>
<p>Speaking document link (Lynn)</p>	<p>NM ACCESS-Paper Speaking.pdf (state.nm.us)</p>