**WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0**[**Go to website**](https://www.wida.us/client/index.aspx)

The WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually in WIDA Consortium member states to monitor students’ progress in acquiring academic English. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is only available to Consortium member states. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. The assessment will be available in online format for Grades 1-12 for all Hawaii schools for the 2018-19 school year. Kindergarten, Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, and Grades 1-3 for writing will be given the paper-based tests.

**Recent Announcements**

12/28/18: The Assessment Section, in collaboration with the World Languages Program at the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design, will provide a virtual training on the Avant online assessments for test coordinators and test administrators on *Thursday, January 10, 2019*. The purpose of the training is to offer an overview of the Avant assessment types available for the Seal of Biliteracy and technology requirements and procedures to administer the assessments. This training is required for Seal of Biliteracy applicants who administer the HIDOE-approved Avant online assessments. Additional information about the training, including dates and locations, can be found in the [DOE memo posted on December 17, 2018](https://smarterbalanced.alohahsap.org/core/fileparse.php/3410/urlt/Seal-of-Biliteracy-Avant-Online-Assessments-Training-121718.pdf). The registration deadline is *Tuesday, January 8, 2019.*

12/28/18: The annual English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessment window for School Year 2018-19 is open from *January 15, 2019 to February 26, 2019*. The online ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELLs) is required for all identified English Learners (ELs) in grades K-12. For those students in grades 1-12 who are classified as ELs and have significant cognitive disabilities, a paper-and-pencil test for the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs will be available. For Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about ELs with disabilities and for information about ordering test materials, [review the 2016 DOE memo](https://smarterbalanced.alohahsap.org/core/fileparse.php/3410/urlt/FAQ-ELL-with-Disabilities.pdf). For detailed information and relevant attachments regarding the annual ELP assessment, [refer to memo dated December 11, 2018](https://smarterbalanced.alohahsap.org/core/fileparse.php/3410/urlt/Memo-2018-19-ELP-Proficiency-Assessment-121118.pdf).

10/22/18: WIDA, along with the Assessment Section, invites schools to participate in the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Field Test Again. Students in grades 1-3 may be administered the field test from November 14, 2018 to January 11, 2019to Tier A and B/C ELL students in Grades 1-12. Students in grades 4-12 may be administered the field test from December 3, 2018 to January 11, 2019.Participation in the Writing Field Test will provide a wonderful opportunity and valuable practice for students and test administrators in using the online and written (grades 1-3) platform and preparing for the upcoming 2019 operational ACCESS 2.0 administration. This Field Test will also assist in fulfilling the numbers needed for USDOE Peer Review. WIDA states are held to the following USDOE Peer Review Guidance: 1) Must provide evidence of appropriate field testing. 2) Field test student sample must be representative of the population of final test takers (of adequate size and diversity).

The [flyer linked here](https://alohahsap.org/core/fileparse.php/3322/urlt/Writing-Field-Test-Flyer.pdf) provides the who, what and when of ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Field Test participation. There is an incentive from WIDA of $100 for schools participating with 25 or more students. Consortium-wide participation in field testing is important to ensure the validity of ACCESS for ELLs Writing scores, and you can make a valuable contribution to the effort. No number of students/schools participating is too few!

To sign up for this WIDA Writing Field Test opportunity, contact **Alex Bauer at**[**alex.bauer@wisc.edu**](mailto:alex.bauer@wisc.edu)**or 608-265-0601**. This opportunity will be open through **Friday, December 1, 2018**. If you sign up after the deadline, you will not be guaranteed to receive an incentive. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Tohinaka, Assessment Section, at (808)733-4100 or at lotus notes.

9/2017: Training materials and resources from the Fall 2017 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Online Assessment trainings are available for download on the Smarter Balanced Resources page. Go to the [Trainings and Webinars](https://smarterbalanced.alohahsap.org/resources/trainings-and-webinars/) resources page, then click on the “Fall 2017 WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Training” folder.

**Test Coordinator Information**

[State specific guidance](https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Hawaii/index.aspx) and other information related to coordination and administration of the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessments are available by logging in to the [WIDA website](https://www.wida.us/). The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 [Checklist](https://www.wida.us/membership/checklists/HI-checklist.pdf) provides steps that need to be taken by school level staff in order to properly administer the assessments.

**WIDA ACCESS Important Dates**

**Testing Dates**

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| STATE TESTING DATES | | | |
| **Testing Specifics** | | **Start Date** | **End Date** |
| **Pre-Testing** | DRC Provides 2017-2018 Site Data to SEA | Fri 8/10/18 | Fri 8/10/18 |
| SEA provides 2018-2019 Site Changes to DRC | Mon 8/13/18 | Fri 9/28/18 |
| Test Materials Ordering Available via Pre-ID file (SEA) | Tue 11/27/18 | Tue 11/27/18 |
| SEA Loads Pre-ID File into AMS | Tue 11/27/18 | Tue 11/27/18 |
| WIDA AMS Test Setup Available for Test Sessions | Mon 12/10/18 | Tue 2/26/19 |
| Districts Receive Test Materials (On) | Mon 1/7/19 | Mon 1/7/19 |
| SEA Loads Pre-ID File into AMS (2nd Upload) | Wed 1/9/19 | Wed 1/9/19 |
| **During Testing** | **Test Window** | **Tue 1/15/19** | **Tue 2/26/19** |
| Additional Test Material Ordering Window in AMS | Mon 1/7/19 | Tue 2/19/19 |
| **Post-Testing** | Deadline for Shipping Completed test materials to DRC | Fri 3/1/19 | Fri 3/1/19 |
| Pre-Reporting Data Validation Window - Data Files to SEA | Tue 3/19/19 | Tue 3/19/19 |
| Pre-Reporting Data Validation Window - Data Files from SEA | Fri 3/22/19 | Fri 3/22/19 |
| Districts Receive Reports - Online (On) | Tue 4/23/19 | Tue 4/23/19 |
| Districts Receive Reports - Printed (On) | Mon 5/6/19 | Mon 5/6/19 |
| Post-Reporting Data Validation Window - Data Files to SEA | Tue 4/23/19 | Tue 4/23/19 |
| Post-Reporting Data Validation Window - Data Files from SEA | Mon 4/29/19 | Mon 4/29/19 |
| Data Available to State | Wed 5/15/19 | Wed 5/15/19 |

**Help Students Do Their Best:**

WIDA is committed to providing resources and support for helping students feel informed and comfortable with their ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 testing experience. This is especially important now that expectations of student performance are increasing as a result of standard setting. The documents below outline some ways that educators can help prepare students for testing, in general and by language domain.

**WIDA ACCESS Contact Information**

1. WIDA Client Services Center: [help@wida.us](mailto:help@wida.us) or call toll free 1-866-276-7735
2. Hawaii DOE ELL Program Manager: Andreas Wiegand  
   ph: (808) 305-9717  
   E-mail: [andreas\_wiegand@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:andreas_wiegand@notes.k12.hi.us)
3. Hawaii DOE Assessment Section Online ACCESS state lead: Karen Tohinaka  
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