WIDA ACCESS FACT SHEET

The WIDA ACCESS for **English Language Learners meets New Mexico's federal requirement** to provide an annual assessment of academic English language proficiency. It is annually administered to current English learners in Grades K–12.

Who takes WIDA ACCESS?

WIDA ACCESS is administered to current English learners in Grades K–12. **This test should NOT be administered to students who have exited EL status.** Current English learners with disabilities are provided accommodations as designated in their special education Individual Education Programs or 504 plans. Students with the **most significant cognitive disabilities** participate in WIDA Alternate ACCESS.

What does the test measure?

WIDA ACCESS measures a student's overall proficiency and their progress toward English proficiency in four domains: Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing. The test is based on **WIDA's English Language Development Standards for K–12**.

When is the test given?

The test is given in the early spring of every school year. Testing dates are on the **Assessment Calendar**.

How is the test administered?

- WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten is paper-based and administered individually.
- For Grades 1–3, all domains are administered online except for the **writing domain: pencil and paper**.
- For Grades 4–12, all domains are administered online with the exception of **Braille, large print, and IEP/504 accommodations** that can't be met on a computer.
- The test is not a timed test. Recommended time for establishing local schedules can be found in the **WIDA District and School Test Coordinator Manual**.

What are the Proficiency Levels?

1 Entering	2 Emerging	3 Developing	4 Expanding	5 Bridging	6 Reaching

Students must achieve an overall composite score of **≥ 4.7 to exit EL status**. For transfer students, see the **interactive presentation reviewing the English learner ID Process for transfer students**. Also, visit **the LCD Serving English Learners Technical Assistance Manual** for more guidance.

Where can I access reports?

School personnel can access reports that are found on the secured WIDA site on the **WIDA AMS** portal. Schools are required to provide individual student reports to parents and guardians.

For more information on the WIDA ACCESS, please visit the PED WIDA ACCESS Resources page and the NM WIDA ACCESS site.