

# ACCESS Online Speaking Enhancement Pilot Test

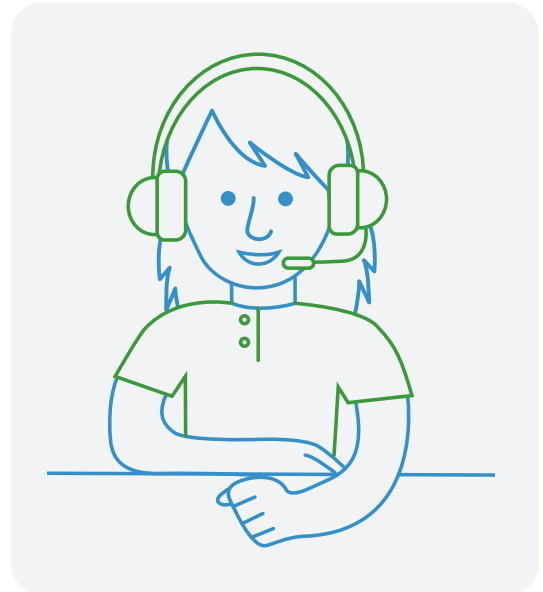
School sites needed

WIDA and the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) want to improve the ACCESS for ELLs Online Speaking test by giving students two opportunities to answer Speaking test items.

Before WIDA and CAL can make this change, we need to test it out. In April 2025, WIDA and CAL are hosting the ACCESS Online Speaking Enhancement Pilot Test. During pilot testing, participating educators will administer select ACCESS Online Speaking test items to English learners at their school.

## Who should participate in pilot testing?

- English learners in grades 2-3, 4-5, and 9-12 who will take ACCESS Online in the 2024-25 school year
  - Students can have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan
  - Students should represent a range of proficiency levels
- Educators who work with those students and are certified and experienced at administering the ACCESS Online Speaking test



## What happens during pilot testing?

Test administrators will use DRC INSIGHT to administer a selection of ACCESS Online Speaking tasks to students. Students' responses to the Speaking tasks will be recorded in DRC INSIGHT, as they are with the annual ACCESS Online test. Pilot test sessions will take about 30 minutes. Pilot testing can be done in a group.

Pilot testing happens **in addition to** a site's annual administration of ACCESS. Students will not get scores from the pilot test.

At select sites, WIDA and CAL researchers will travel to schools to observe the pilot tests and interview students and educators.

All sites that take part in pilot testing will receive \$100 per participating student.

## Apply to participate in pilot testing

To apply to participate in pilot testing, fill out the [ACCESS Online Speaking Enhancement Pilot Test survey](#). WIDA will contact selected applicants on a rolling basis throughout January and February 2025.