

WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten

Audio Recordings and Observations

During your annual WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten testing window, WIDA and Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) staff members would like to come to your school to observe, and audio record your actual, scheduled WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten test administrations.

Why is this important? WIDA will use these recordings and student performance data to support the ACCESS Standard Setting event in July 2026. Learn more about standard setting on the [WIDA ACCESS in 2025-26](#) page.

All sites that participate will receive \$100 per participating student.

Who should participate?

- Kindergarten English learners (no specific proficiency level is required – all levels are welcome to participate)
- A minimum of 8 students must participate in observations per school site
- A trained, local test administrator will give the test to students

Observation Details

- Observation window: December 1, 2025 – February 20, 2026
- Duration at each school site: 2–3 days
- Two WIDA/CAL staff observers will come to your school to record audio of individual WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten test administrations

School Participation Requirements

- Schools must confirm availability within the observation window above
- Signed **parent/guardian permission slips** are required before WIDA staff can schedule travel to your site

If you are interested in participating, please fill out this [participation survey](#) by November 14, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. CT. A WIDA staff member will contact you to let you know if you have been selected to host WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten observers.

For questions, reach out to Jena Sebald at jsebald@wisc.edu.