**Communications Toolkit: WIDA ACCESS in 2025-2026**

Use this toolkit to share details about what’s new with WIDA ACCESS in the 2025-2026 school year with your colleagues.

**Webpage**  
Find out what to expect with ACCESS in the 2025-2026 school year by exploring the **WIDA ACCESS in 2025-2026** **webpage**: <https://wida.wisc.edu/revisingaccess>.

## **Sample Messages for Emails or Newsletters**

## **Email Option 1: WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten**

For the last few years, WIDA has been redesigning Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs so that it incorporates the [WIDA English Language Development Standards Framework, 2020 Edition](https://wida.wisc.edu/teach/standards/eld). In the 2025-2026 school year, you will use the redesigned assessment.

If you’re familiar with Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs, you’ll notice the following changes on WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten:

* Fewer test materials to manage (no more activity board and fewer cards!)
* All four domains connect to a single new storyline
* Each language domain is administered once, with no starting or skipping rules
* New task types reflect everyday classroom practices
* A separate score sheet to mark student scores for Listening and Speaking, Writing, and Reading
* Revised scoring protocols and rubrics for Speaking and Writing tasks

Learn more about these changes on the [WIDA ACCESS in 2025-2026](https://wida.wisc.edu/revisingaccess) webpage.

### **Email Option 2: WIDA ACCESS (K-12)**

For the last few years, WIDA has been revising Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs and ACCESS for ELLs so that they incorporate the [WIDA English Language Development Standards Framework, 2020 Edition](https://wida.wisc.edu/teach/standards/eld). In the 2025-2026 school year, you will use the revised assessments.

Here are the top things to know:

* WIDA removed “for ELLs” from the ACCESS name. The new names are WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten and WIDA ACCESS.
* WIDA completely redesigned Kindergarten ACCESS and incorporated new test content that reflects the input of many experienced educators.
* WIDA made all the changes to ACCESS (grades 1-12) behind the scenes, so that the test administration experience is the same this school year as it was last school year.
* WIDA will release ACCESS score reports on time – on track with your regular reporting timeline.
* WIDA will hold a standard setting event in July 2026 to ensure that student scores still give an accurate picture of a student’s English language development.

Learn more about these changes on the [WIDA ACCESS in 2025-2026](https://wida.wisc.edu/revisingaccess) webpage.

## **Sample Messages for Social Media**

* #WIDA has redesigned Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs! Find out what to expect with the redesigned assessment on the WIDA ACCESS in 2025-2026 webpage: <https://wida.wisc.edu/revisingaccess>
* This school year, you’ll use a revised ACCESS for ELLs! Find out what to expect with the revised assessment on the #WIDA ACCESS in 2025-2026 webpage: <https://wida.wisc.edu/revisingaccess>

### **Hashtags**

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* #WIDAACCESS

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