2024 ACCESS for ELLs Data Validation Office Hours

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• Questions may be asked at any time using the Q&A feature on the Zoom Webinar screen.
  • Questions about a specific student should be sent by email to access@mass.gov.
  • Some questions may be covered during the presentation.
  • Answers will be provided in the Q&A feature.
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1. ACCESS Data Validation
Windows and Participation Requirements
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Participation Requirements

• Students in K–12 must take ACCESS for ELLs if they:
  • were reported as EL in the October 2023 SIMS, **OR**
  • arrived after October 2023 SIMS and will be reported as EL in the March 2024 SIMS

• Students should be considered for **WIDA Alternate ACCESS** if they:
  • Meet the above criteria **and** the criteria found in the “Participation Guidelines for WIDA Alternate ACCESS 2023-2024”

• Students are **not** required to take ACCESS for ELLs if they are:
  • reported as EL in October 2023 SIMS, but **exited** EL status before testing began (i.e., before January 4, 2024), **OR**
  • Were enrolled and identified as EL after February 9, 2024

**Students who were not tested but were required to be tested should have ABS selected in the Do Not Score section for domains not tested.**
English learners meeting the following criteria are not required to test in specific domains:

- **Sensory: Hard of Hearing or Deaf**: Listening and Speaking not required
- **Sensory: Vision Impairment or Blind**: Speaking not required when taking braille test
- **Nonverbal (or selectively mute) and does not use AAC device**: Speaking not required
- **Receives “special access” read-aloud accommodation on MCAS ELA**: Reading not required

See page 5 of the Principal’s Pre-Administration Manual for ACCESS for ELLs: Tasks to be Completed in 2023-2024.

Students can be exempted from up to two domains only to receive an overall assigned score in August.

Students with the above exemptions should have SPD selected in the Do Not Score section for domains not taken.
2. Data Validation Resources and Support
WIDA AMS (DRC Insight)
wida-ams.us
How do I access On-Demand, Translated or Updated Reports for ACCESS testing?

How do I download ACCESS for ELLs reports?

How do I monitor test completion at the district level?

- If conducting Data Validation in WIDA AMS — 1. How do I review Student Demographics, Accommodations and Do Not Score Codes?
- If conducting Data Validation in WIDA AMS — 2. How do I identify duplicate students and how do I correct them?
- If conducting Data Validation in WIDA AMS — 3. How do I export student information and review the data?

What are the different types of ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Reports?

- What is Data Validation and who is responsible for it?

Why are my ACCESS scores missing?
DRC Live Chat
WIDA Secure Portal
wida.wisc.edu