2025 ACCESS for ELLs Data Validation Webinar

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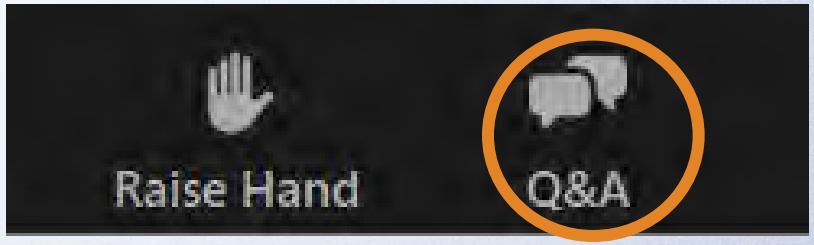

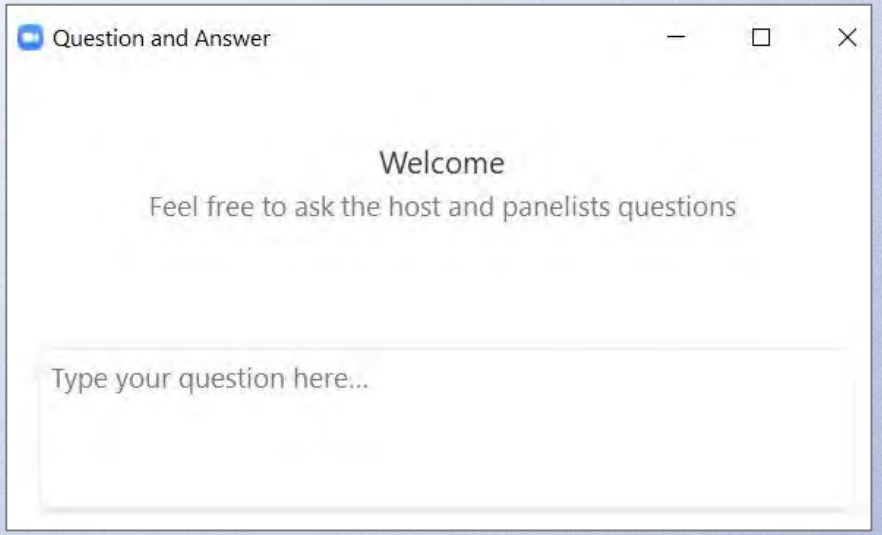

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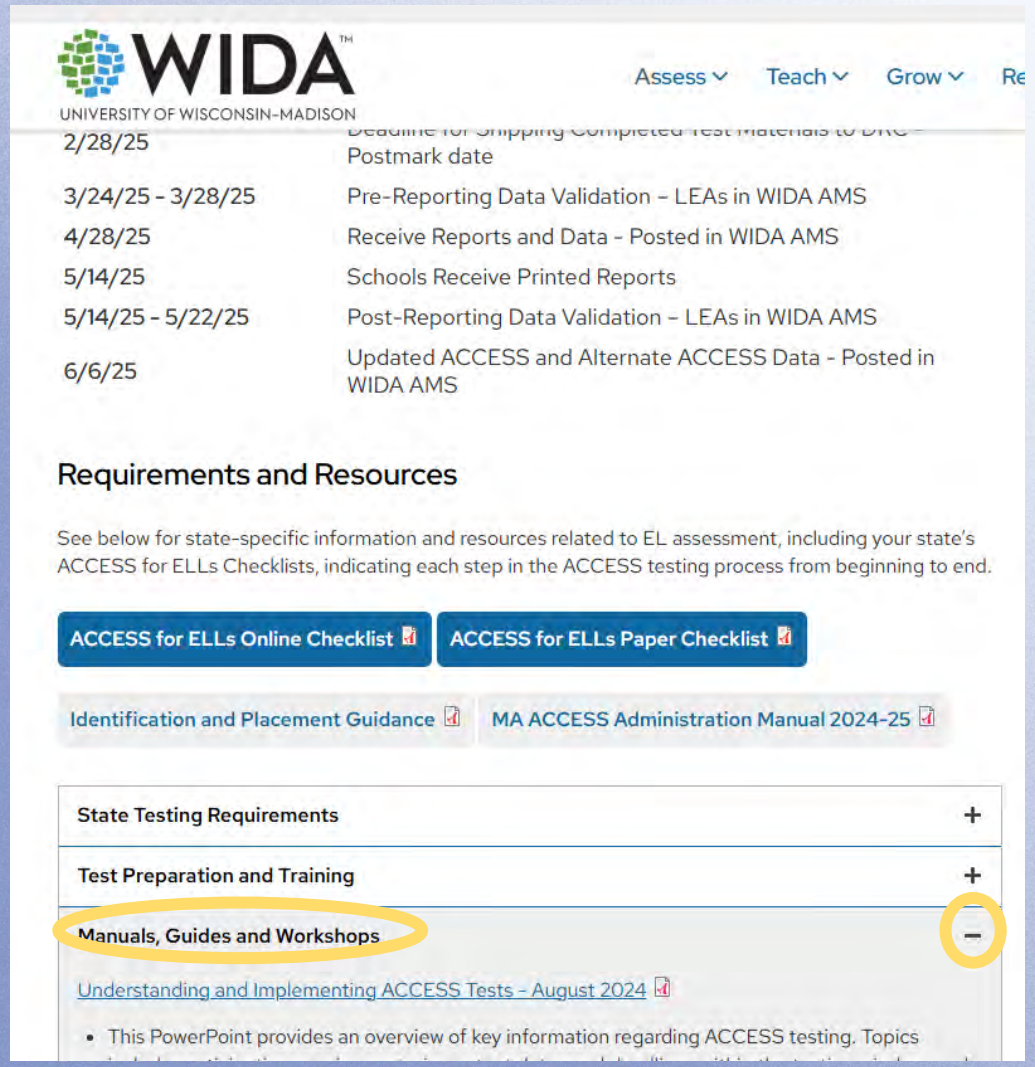

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  - Click on the "+" in the Manuals, Guides and Workshops section
  - PowerPoint slides for DESE webinars are placed in this section
  - Important dates are also placed on this page as well as other useful materials regarding ACCESS and Screener administration

Today's Agenda

1. ACCESS Data Validation Windows and Participation Requirements
2. Data Validation Resources and Support
3. Tasks to Complete During Data Validation
4. Resources and Contact Information

1. ACCESS Data Validation Windows and Participation Requirements

2025 ACCESS for ELLs: Important Dates

Test Window	January 6, 2025 – February 28, 2025
Deadline to return materials to DRC	February 28, 2025
Pre-Reporting data validation in AMS	**March 24 – March 28, 2025**
ACCESS Reports and Data Files Available in AMS	April 28, 2025
ACCESS Reports Available in Schools (Paper)	May 14, 2025
Post-Reporting Data Validation in AMS	**May 14, 2025 – May 22, 2025**
Updated ACCESS Data Available in AMS	June 6, 2025

Participation Requirements

- **Students in K–12 must take ACCESS for ELLs** if they:
  - were reported as EL in the October 2024 SIMS, **OR**
  - arrived after October 2024 SIMS and will be reported as EL in the March 2025 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 2024-2025"
- **Students are <u>not</u> required to take ACCESS for ELLs** if they are:
  - reported as EL in October 2024 SIMS, but **exited** EL status before testing began (i.e., before January 6, 2025), **OR**
  - Were enrolled and identified as EL *after* February 7, 2025

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.

Participation Exemptions

English learners meeting the following criteria are not required to test in specific domains:

- **Sensory: Hard of Hearing or Deaf**: Listening and/or Speaking not required
- **Sensory: Vision Impairment or Blind**: Speaking not required when taking braille test; Speaking, Listening and Reading not required if not 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 (must have SA1.1 or SA1.2 in IEP).

See page 6 of the Massachusetts ACCESS for ELLs Administration Manual 2024-2025.

Students can be exempted from up to two domains and 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

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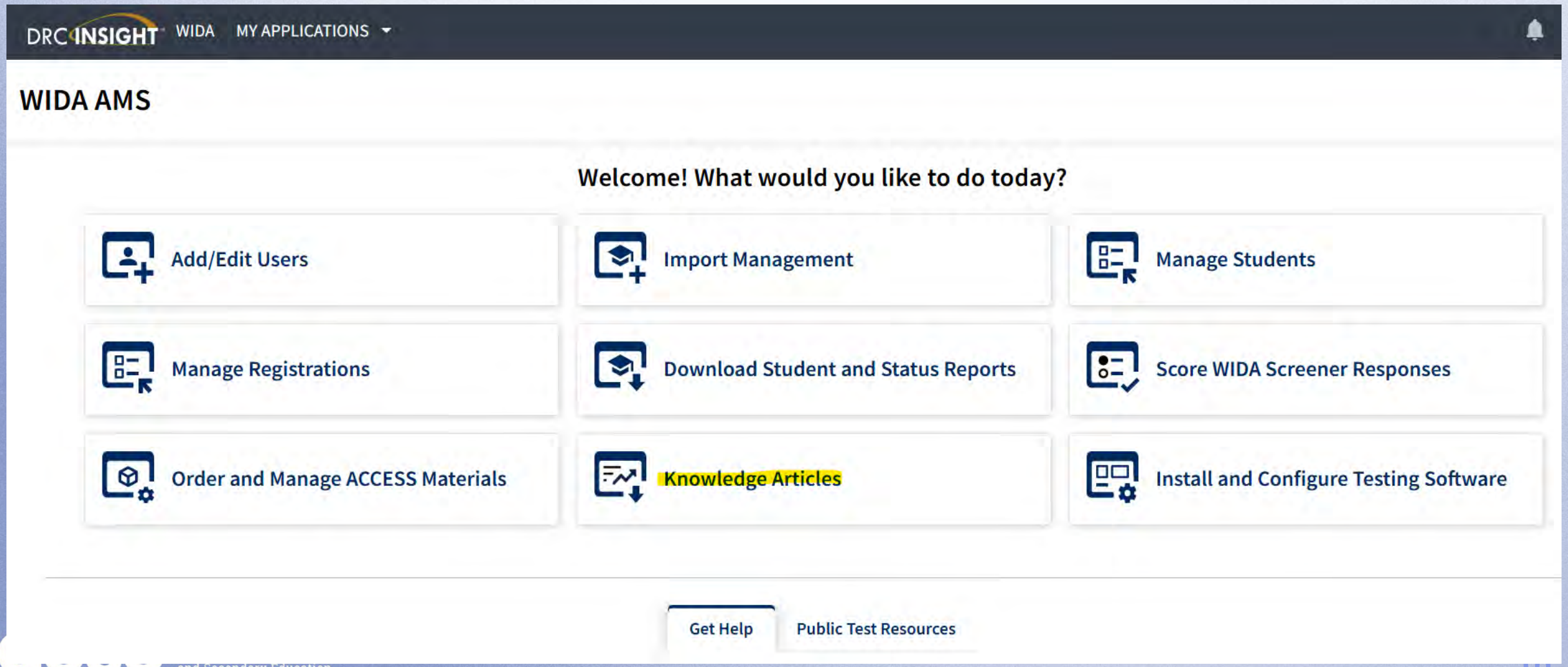

DRC Knowledge Articles

Reports

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?

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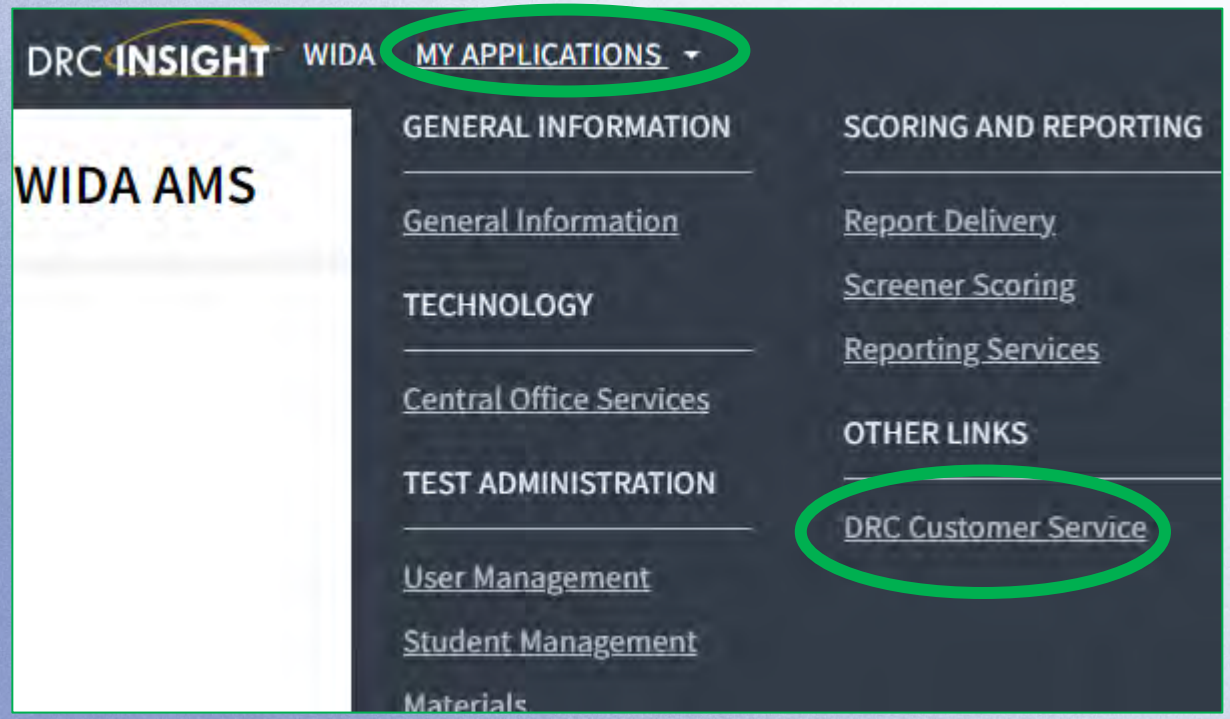

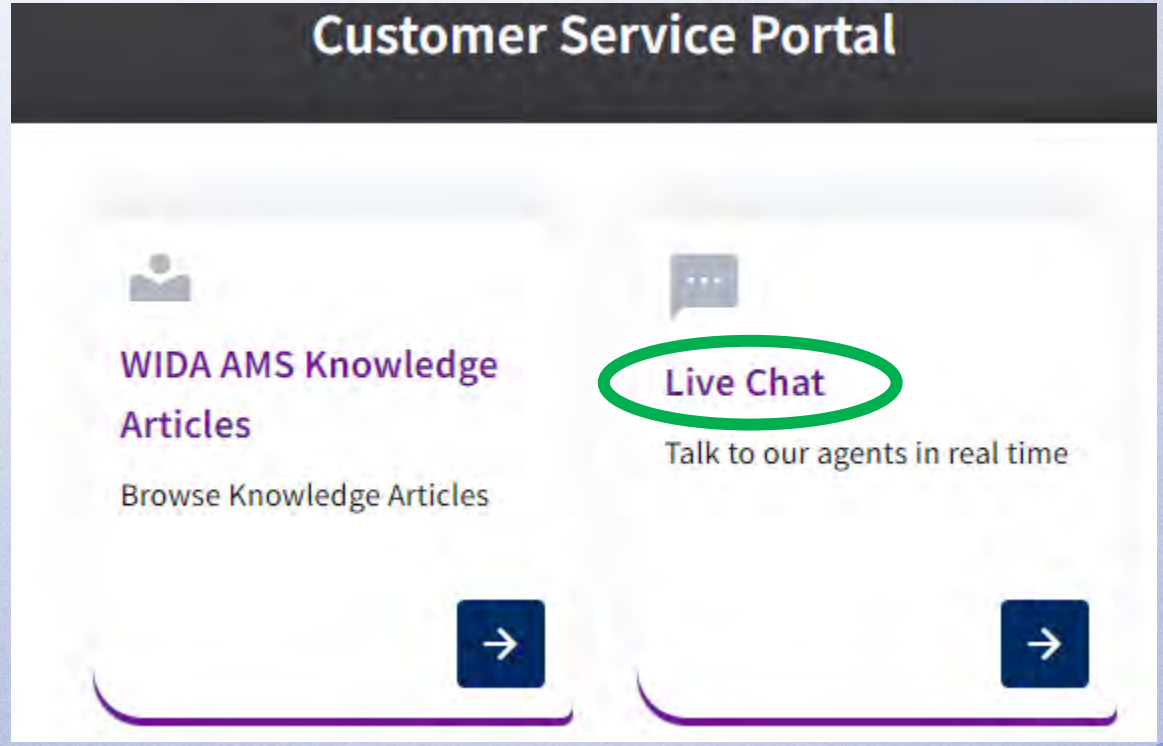

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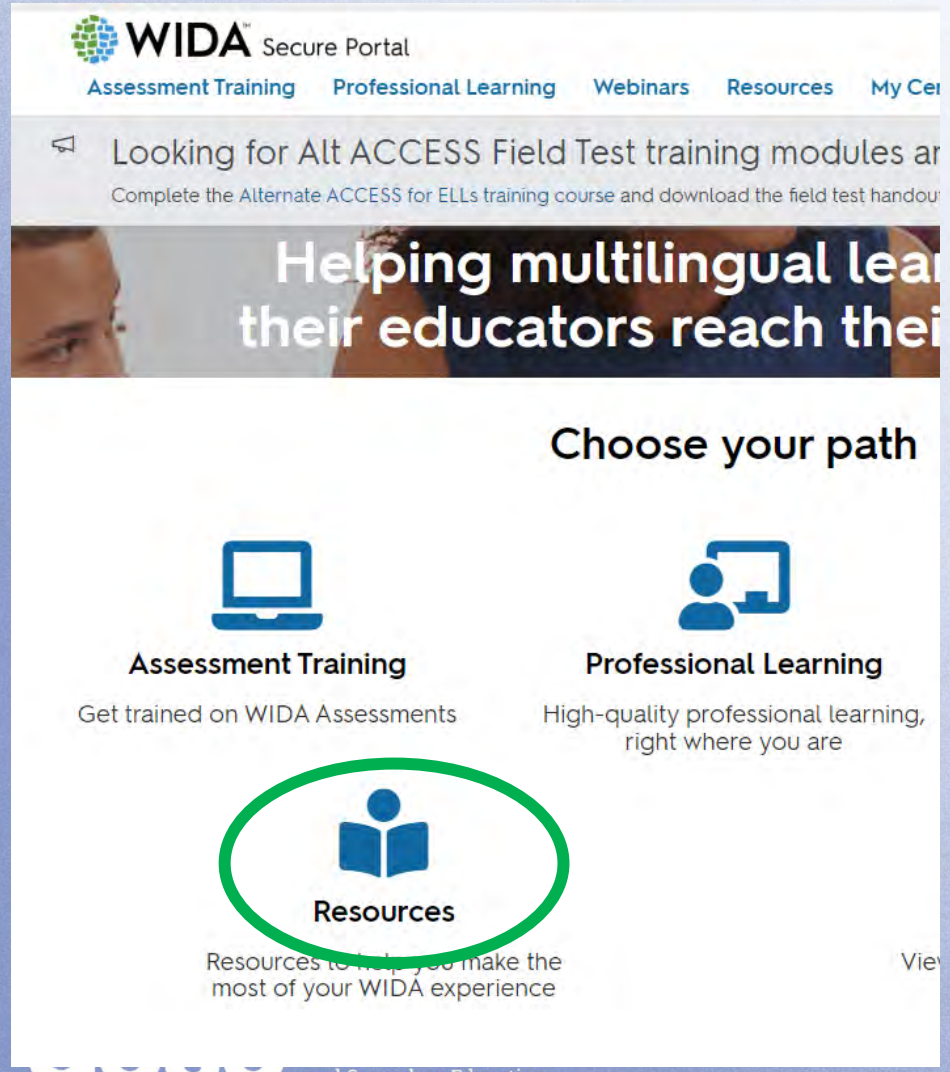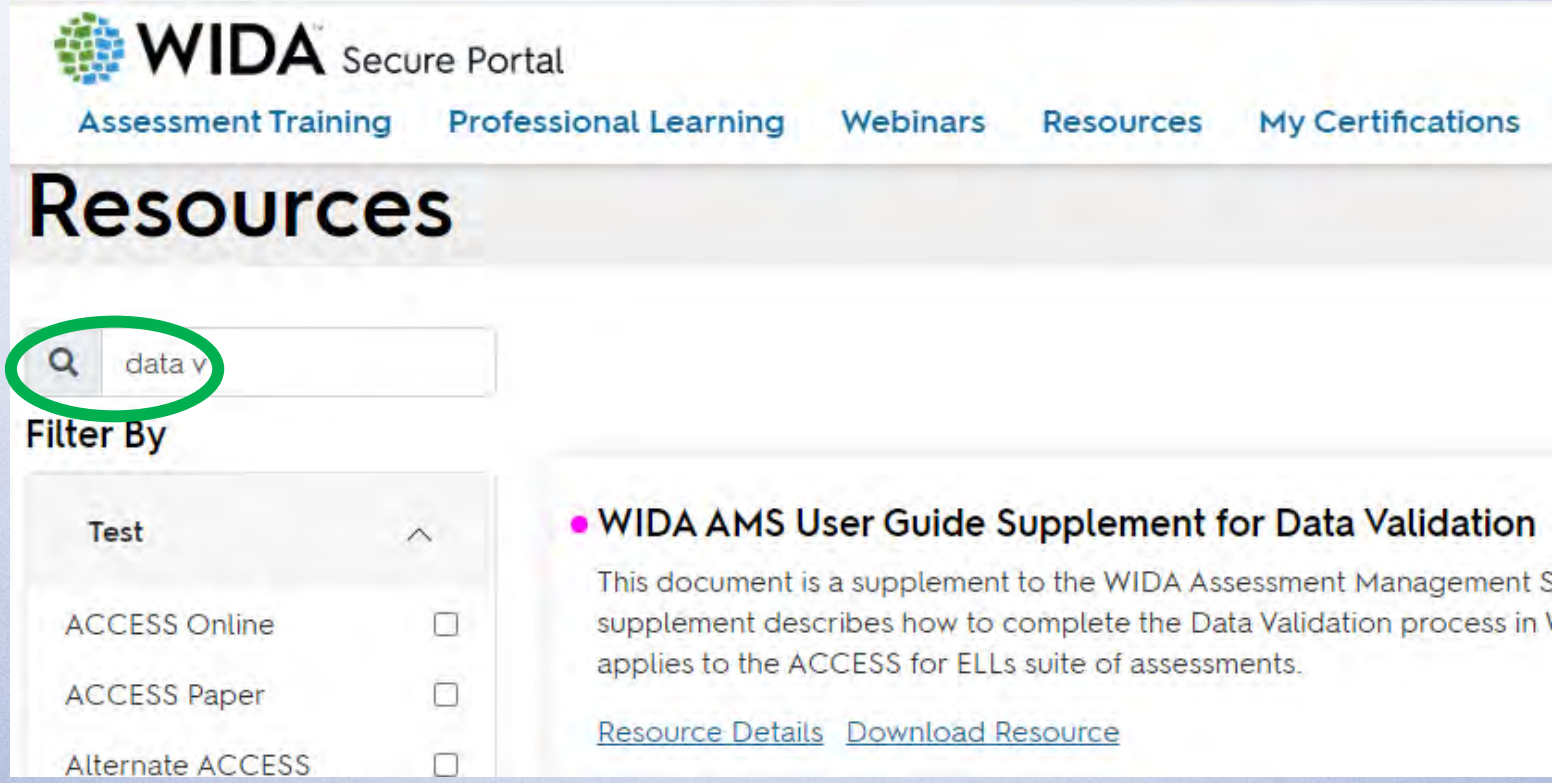
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