

WIDA ACCESS Pre-Reporting Data Validation Webinar

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Introductions

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Logistics for This Session

- ❑ General 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.
- ❑ Answers will be provided in the Q&A feature.

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Today's Topics

WIDA ACCESS 2026: Post-Assessment Timeline

- Participation requirements and upcoming dates

Pre-Reporting Data Validation

- What and why
- DESE files to DropBox
- Steps in the WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS)

Additional Resources and Contact Information

- WIDA AMS
- WIDA Secure Portal
- MA DESE

Participation Requirements

The following students in grades K-12 are required to participate in WIDA ACCESS:

- reported as English learners (EL) in October 2025 SIMS
- arrived after October 2025 SIMS and will be reported as EL in the March 2026 SIMS

Students may be eligible for WIDA Alternate ACCESS if they:

- meet the above criteria and are found eligible by the IEP team utilizing the Participation Guidelines for WIDA Alternate ACCESS 2025-2026

Students exited from EL status before January 5 or enrolled and identified after February 20 are not required to participate in WIDA ACCESS this year

Upcoming Dates

3/30/2026 – 4/3/2026: Pre-reporting data validation by districts/schools

Week ending 4/30: WIDA ACCESS files and reports available in WIDA AMS (UPDATE)

5/15/2026 – 5/18/2026: Printed WIDA ACCESS reports arrive to schools

6/9/2026: Updated files and reports available in WIDA AMS

Pre-Reporting Data Validation

What and Why?

What is it?

Pre-reporting data validation is the process of reviewing data to ensure accuracy prior to reporting student results. WIDA ACCESS test coordinators will review and, if necessary, make corrections to student demographic information, accommodations used, duplicate records, and Do Not Score Codes in WIDA AMS. This year, this is the only data validation that schools/districts will be asked to complete in WIDA AMS.

Why do we validate?

- ❑ Overall Composite Proficiency Level and Literacy Level, exit criteria
- ❑ State and district accountability, including participation rates
- ❑ Planning at the district and school levels for staffing, scheduling, curricula, and other resources.

The Instructional Team

- ❑ Analyzed by service providers and teachers of English learners, alongside multiple other sources of formative and interim data, to help shape a more complete picture of the student's English language acquisition journey over time
- ❑ Shared with English learners, their parents, and families to support data-driven conversations about their progress in English language proficiency

During Testing

After October 1 and throughout the WIDA ACCESS administration window, districts and schools can experience a variety of changes such as:

- Transfers
- Testing irregularities
- Updates to student demographic information

ACCESSING Student Data to Review

New Files in Dropbox Central

New This Year: DESE Files to DropBox

This year MA DESE provides districts/schools with Dropbox files identifying data discrepancies that Test Coordinators should review/correct as part of data validation in WIDA AMS:

- Duplicate SASIDs
- Mismatched Student Information
 - SASID
 - Name
 - DOB
 - Grade
- Test Accommodations Used
- Any Do Not Score (DNS) Codes
 - Absent (ABS), Decline (DEC)
 - Special Education Deferred (SPD)
 - Invalid (INV)

DropBox Central on MA Education Security Portal

The screenshot shows the DropBox Central Security Portal interface. At the top left is the logo and the text "DropBox Central". At the top right are the links "Dropbox Explorer" and "Security Portal".

The main content area contains the following elements:

- Dropbox:** A dropdown menu with "ACCESS Data 2026" selected.
- Organization Type:** A dropdown menu with "Public School District (5)" selected.
- Organization:** A dropdown menu with "Boston (00350000)" selected.
- ACCESS Data 2026 (Administrator)** with an information icon.
- Select the OutBox or InBox below to access shared files.**
- OutBox** and **InBox** buttons, with **InBox** being the active selection.
- A table header for the selected InBox: "ACCESS_2026\ Boston \ESE InBox".
- Table columns: "File Name", "Type", "Size", and "Modified", each with sort arrows.
- Table content: "No record found".

District & School Files

In DropBox will find a file:

All Users: “ACCESS2026_PreRepDV_FileLayout.xlsx”

District Users: “ACCESS2026_PreRepDV_00XX0000.csv”

School Users: “ACCESS2026_PreRepDV_00XX00XX.csv”

All students in WIDA AMS that tested in your school or district will be included.

Check for:

- Data Errors
- Duplicate SASIDs

Confirm:

- Participation
- SPD Codes
- INV Codes

File Layout

- Describes variables included in district and school data files.
- 30 variables
 - 5 Filter Variables
 - 20 WIDA AMS Variables
 - 5 Student Information Management System (SIMs) Variables

AutoSave Off Pre-reporting Data Validation Layout

File Home Insert Draw Page Layout Formulas Data Review View Automate Help Acrobat

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	A	B	C	D	E
1	ACCESS Pre-Reporting Data Validation Flags File Layout - 2026				03/19/2026
2					NA in all fields indicates a blank or missing value
3	Field	Name	Type	Description	Notes
4	1	adminyear	String	Test administration year: 2026	
5	2	DRCrecordID	String	DRC record ID (blank=did not test)	
6	3	Data_Error	String	Flags a student as having an error in data. Invalid sasid = Indicates that the state ID in DRC does not match a valid sasid, Name Error = Indicates that state ID in DRC does not match the student name (first or last) associated with sasid, DOB Error = the DOB in AMS for that sasid does not match the DOB in SIMs for that sasid, Grade Mismatch = grade in DRC file does not match grade level in SIMs. NA = no error easily identified	Use this to filter for errors in student IDs, grade, and not registered.
7	4	Dup_sasid	String	Student state ID is used for more than one record in WIDA AMS. Y = Yes, a student's state ID is listed for more than one Unique DRC record ID. N = There is no other student with this state student ID in WIDA AMS.	Use this to filter for duplicate records. Confirm student state IDs and fix duplicate records in WIDA AMS.
8	5	Part_Flag	String	Flags a student that is missing at least one domain (DNS code of ABS or DEC; does not flag for SPD codes). Y = Yes, a student is missing at least one domain and may receive a participation value of 0 during reporting. N = A student completed all four domains or has an SPD or INV code, indicating they are exempt from participating in that domain or have had their data invalidated for that domain.	Use this to filter to review students that may receive a value of 0 for participation in ACCESS.
9	6	SPD_Code	String	Flags a student that has at least one DNS code marked in data. Y = student has SPD code. N = student does not have DNS code.	Use this filter to review students with SPD codes and confirm accuracy.

WIDA AMS Variables

WIDA AMS Columns	Description
adminyear	2026
DRCrecordID	DRC Unique Student ID
districtnumber	District Code
districtname	District Name
schoolnumber	School Code
schoolname	School Name
asad	State Student ID
lastname	Student Last Name
firstname	Student First Name
mi	Student Middle Name

WIDA AMS Columns	Description
dob	Date of Birth
grade	Tested Grade
accommodations	Accommodations Reported
tier	Tier Reported
mode	Mode Reported
ALT	Alternate ACCESS
listening_DNS	DNS Code for Listening
speaking_DNS	DNS Code for Speaking
reading_DNS	DNS Code for Reading
writing_DNS	DNS Code for Writing

Filter and SIMs Variables

Filter Columns	SIMs Columns
Data_Error	SIMS_lastname
Dup_SASID	SIMS_firstname
Part_Flag	SIMS_middlename
SPD_Code	SIMS_dob
INV_Code	SIMS_grade

Data Errors: Flagged Issues

- Invalid SASID – No match found in SIMS reporting. School/district must find the correct state ID (not local ID).
- DOB Error – DOB in WIDA AMS is mismatched with what we have for SIMS. DESE provides SIMs value so school/district can update in WIDA AMS.
- Grade Mismatch – Grade in SIMs does not match grade tested. DESE provides SIMS grade so school/district can update in WIDA AMS.
- Name Error – First or last name in SIMs does not match what is in WIDA AMS. DESE provides SIMS name so school/district can update in WIDA AMS. May be due to spelling error, special characters, hyphen, double names, or student ID mismatch.

Data Errors & Duplicate Records

Purpose	Column	Explanation
Filter	Data_Error	Use this column to filter data to focus on students with: Invalid Sasid, DOB error, Grade Mismatch, Name Error
Filter	Dup_SASID	Use this column to filter data to focus on students with duplicate records in WIDA AMS.
Confirm	Sasid	Student State ID in WIDA AMS. If you need to update State ID, make sure to find the student's 10-digit state ID/sasid (not their local ID/LASID).
Confirm	lastname	If there is a name error, match with what is in the SIMS_lastname column.
Confirm	firstname	If there is a name error, match with what is in the SIMS_firstname column.
Confirm	grade	If there is a grade mismatch, match with what is in the SIMS_grade column. Exception for students with SIMS_grade=="SP" – their tested grade should be 12.
Confirm	dob	If there is a DOB mismatch, match with what is the the SIMS_DOB column.

DESE Files to DropBox: DNS Codes

Part_Flag

- Y = Absent (ABS) or Declined (DEC) entered for a domain. Confirm that student did not complete domain and adjust DEC to ABS.

SPD_Code

- Y = Special Education Deferred (SPD) entered for a domain. Confirm code(s) is assigned to appropriate domain.

INV_Code

- Y = Invalid (INV) entered for a domain. Confirm INV codes. Submit service now forms for any suspected testing irregularities.

Dropbox File: Checking DNS Codes

Column	Explanation
Part_Flag	Use this column to filter data to focus on students with ABS or DEC for at least 1 domain. Confirm absences and change DEC codes to ABS codes.
SPD_Code	Use this column to filter data to focus on students with SPD for at least 1 domain. Confirm appropriate use of SPD codes.
INV_Code	Use this column to filter data to focus on students with INV for at least 1 domain. INV should not be entered for any student. Remove INV code and submit any test irregularities through Service Now form .
listening_DNS	DNS code entered for listening domain on DNS.
speaking_DNS	DNS code entered for speaking domain on DNS.
reading_DNS	DNS code entered for reading domain on DNS.
writing_DNS	DNS code entered for writing domain on DNS.

Making Corrections via WIDA AMS

Complete the Steps

WIDA AMS User Permission

District User Role / Corrections-Primary Window

District test coordinator can also assign to school users

If Data Validation is not an option, you do not yet have the permission. Please connect with your district WIDA ACCESS test coordinator.

Data Validation Process in WIDA AMS

Students will not appear in validation if:

- All online registrations were not started and have no DNS codes, and
- No paper materials returned

Getting Started - My Applications

Log in to WIDA AMS.
Navigate to My Applications > Student Export/Transfers/Validations.

The screenshot shows the WIDA AMS interface. At the top, the logo 'DRC INSIGHT WIDA' and a dropdown menu 'MY APPLICATIONS' are visible. The dropdown menu is open, displaying the following categories and items:

- GENERAL INFORMATION**
 - General Information
- TECHNOLOGY**
 - Central Office Services
 - Student Export/Transfers/Validation
 - Materials
 - Test Management
 - Test Monitoring
 - WIDA ACCESS Paper Audio
- TEST ADMINISTRATION**
 - User Management
 - Import Management
 - Student Management
- SCORING AND REPORTING**
 - Report Delivery
 - Screener Scoring
 - Reporting Services
- OTHER LINKS**
 - DRC Customer Service

Below the dropdown menu, there are four main application buttons:

- Download Student and Status Reports
- Score WIDA Screener Responses
- Order and Manage ACCESS Materials
- Knowledge Articles

Data Validation

Select Data Validation from the Student Export/Transfers/Validations menu. Select the correct administration, district, school (optional), and grade (optional) as applicable.

The screenshot shows the DRC INSIGHT interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'DRC INSIGHT', 'WIDA', and 'STUDENT EXPORT/TRANSFERS/VALIDATION'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there is a notification bell icon and the user initials 'JB'. Below the navigation bar, there is a menu with four items: 'Student Export/Transfers/Validation', 'Student Exports', 'Student Transfer Form', and 'Data Validation'. A black arrow points to the 'Data Validation' menu item. The main content area is titled 'Data Validation' and contains a blue banner with the text: 'The Data Validation system allows the user to correct student demographics and reporting values after testing is completed.' Below the banner, there is a red asterisk followed by the text '* Indicates required fields'. There are four dropdown menus: 'Administration (Select)', 'District (All)', 'School (All)', and 'Grade'. A blue button labeled 'Show Students' is located below the dropdown menus. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the copyright notice '© DRC Insight 2026', four links: 'Contact Us', 'Terms of Use', 'Privacy Policy', and 'Browser Requirements', and the DRC logo.

Edit Students

Select Show Students. The Edit Students and Status Report tabs will appear. Each student should appear only once!

Data Validation

Data Validation is currently locked for selected Administration.

The Data Validation system allows the user to correct student demographics and reporting values after testing is completed.

* Indicates required fields

Administration: MA ACCESS for ELLs - 202 *

District: (All)

School: (All)

Grade: (All)

Show Students

Edit Students Status Report

Required Fields

- First name
- Last name
- SASID
- District
- School
- Grade level

DRC INSIGHT™ WIDA STUDENT EXPORT/TRANSFERS/VALIDATION

Edit Student

[Instructions](#)

Student Demographics Student Accommodations Test Results

* Indicates required fields

Student Demographics Corrections		Reporting Value
First Name	<input type="text"/>	*
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	*
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>	
State Student ID	<input type="text"/>	*
District Student ID	<input type="text"/>	
District	<input type="text"/>	*
School	<input type="text"/>	*
Birthdate	<input type="text"/>	
Enrolled Grade	(Select)	*
Gender	<input type="text"/>	
Ethnicity - Hispanic/Latino	No	
Race - American Indian/Alaskan Native	No	
Race - Asian	No	
Race - Black/African American	No	

Duplicate Records

If any of the following don't match, a duplicate test record may have been created for the student.

- District number
- School number
- SASID
- First name
- Last name
- Grade

Correcting Duplicate Records

Two records in WIDA AMS – you will need to fix both!

□ Update:

First name, last name, SASID, District, School, Birthdate, Grade

Birthdate – no asterisk * but required when resolving duplicates and when verifying SPD codes

Accommodations

In the Student Accommodations tab, review / update the accommodations used by the student during testing

Edit Student

[Instructions](#)

Student Demographics | **Student Accommodations** | Test Results

* Indicates required fields

Student Demographics Corrections			
	Reporting Value	Other Versions	
		Value	Source
First Name	Carlos *		
Last Name	Vang *		
Middle Name	C		
State Student ID	11086999 *		
District Student ID			
District	WIDA Use Only - Sample Distr * ▼		
School	WIDA Use Only - Sample Scho * ▼		
Birthdate	<input type="text"/>		
Enrolled Grade	04 * ▼		



Accommodations, continued

Repeat item audio (RA), Manual control of item audio (MC), and Extended Speaking test response time (ES) should not be updated.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Student' page in the DRC INSIGHT WIDA system. The page has a navigation bar with 'Student Export/Transfers/Validation' and buttons for 'Student Exports', 'Student Transfer Form', and 'Data Validation'. Below the navigation is a tabbed interface with 'Instructions', 'Student Demographics', 'Student Accommodations', and 'Test Results'. The 'Student Accommodations' tab is active, displaying a table of accommodations.

Accommodations					
Type	Accommodation	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Presentation	BR - Braille	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environment	EM - Extended testing of a test domain over multiple days	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online	ES - Extended speaking test response time				<input type="checkbox"/>
Presentation	IR - In-Person Human Reader	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presentation	RP - Repeat In-Person Human Reader	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presentation	LP - Large Print	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online	MC - Manual control of item audio	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment	NS - Test may be administered in a non-school setting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online	RA - Repeat item audio	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Response	RD - Student responds using a recording device, which is played back and transcribed by the student			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Presentation	SD - Interpreter signs test directions in ASL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13 Item(s) Displayed

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Do Not Score Codes

There are four Do Not Score Codes.

District and school test coordinators utilize two of these codes:

ABS – Absent

SPD – Special Education Deferred

The screenshot shows the DRC INSIGHT WIDA Student Export/Transfers/Validation interface. The main navigation bar includes 'DRC INSIGHT', 'WIDA', and 'STUDENT EXPORT/TRANSFERS/VALIDATION'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Student Export/Transfers/Validation', 'Student Exports', 'Student Transfer Form', and 'Data Validation'. The 'Edit Student' section is active, with a sub-tab for 'Test Results'. A table titled 'Test Results' has columns for 'Domain', 'WIDA Alternate ACCESS', 'Testing Mode', 'Grade Cluster', and 'Do Not Score Code'. The table lists four rows: SPEAKING, WRITING, READING, and LISTENING, all with 'Paper' testing mode and 'K' grade cluster. A dropdown menu is open for the 'Do Not Score Code' column, showing options: Absent (ABS), Invalidate (INV), Declined (DEC), and Deferred Special Education/504 (SPD). A 'Back to Student List' button is located at the bottom left of the interface.

Domain	WIDA Alternate ACCESS	Testing Mode	Grade Cluster	Do Not Score Code
SPEAKING		Paper	K	
WRITING		Paper	K	
READING		Paper	K	
LISTENING		Paper	K	

Absent Code

The DNS>ABS code is applied to any testing domain in which the student is required to participate but did not. This is most typically due to extended absence throughout the administration window.

DRC INSIGHT WIDA STUDENT EXPORT/TRANSFERS/VALIDATION

Student Export/Transfers/Validation Student Exports Student Transfer Form Data Validation

Edit Student

[Instructions](#)

Student Demographics Student Accommodations Test Results

Test Results				
Domain	WIDA Alternate ACCESS	Testing Mode	Grade Cluster	Do Not Score Code
SPEAKING		Paper	K	<input type="text"/>
WRITING		Paper	K	<input type="text"/>
READING		Paper	K	<input type="text"/>
LISTENING		Paper	K	<input type="text"/>

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Special Education Deferred Code

The DNS>SPD code is applied to any domain/s from which the student was exempt.

Students may have up to two SPD codes and receive an Overall Composite Proficiency Level and score report.

The screenshot shows the DRC INSIGHT WIDA Student Export/Transfers/Validation interface. The top navigation bar includes 'DRC INSIGHT', 'WIDA', and 'STUDENT EXPORT/TRANSFERS/VALIDATION'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Student Export/Transfers/Validation', 'Student Exports', 'Student Transfer Form', and 'Data Validation'. The main heading is 'Edit Student'. There is a link for 'Instructions' and three tabs: 'Student Demographics', 'Student Accommodations', and 'Test Results'. The 'Test Results' tab is active, showing a table with columns: Domain, WIDA Alternate ACCESS, Testing Mode, Grade Cluster, and Do Not Score Code. The table contains four rows for SPEAKING, WRITING, READING, and LISTENING, all with 'Paper' testing mode and 'K' grade cluster. A dropdown menu is open for the 'Do Not Score Code' column, showing options: Absent (ABS), Invalidate (INV), Declined (DEC), and Deferred Special Education/504 (SPD). A 'Back to Student List' button is located at the bottom left of the interface.

Domain	WIDA Alternate ACCESS	Testing Mode	Grade Cluster	Do Not Score Code
SPEAKING		Paper	K	
WRITING		Paper	K	
READING		Paper	K	
LISTENING		Paper	K	

Participation Exemptions

Sensory Hard of Hearing or Deaf: Listening and/or Speaking domains are not required.

Sensory Vision Impairment or Blind: Speaking not required when participating via Braille form. Listening, Speaking and Reading not required if not participating via Braille form.

Nonverbal or selectively mute (does not use AAC device): Speaking not required.

Students who receive the special access read-aloud accommodation on MCAS ELA (SA1.1 and SA1.2 on IEP): Reading not required.

Not Used by Test Coordinators

DEC – Not used in MA.
These students are
marked ABS and non-
participants.

INV – applied by DESE
only, as part of post-
reporting data
validation.

DRC INSIGHT™ WIDA STUDENT EXPORT/TRANSFERS/VALIDATION

Student Export/Transfers/Validation Student Exports Student Transfer Form Data Validation

Edit Student

[+ Instructions](#)

Student Demographics Student Accommodations Test Results

Test Results				
Domain	WIDA Alternate ACCESS	Testing Mode	Grade Cluster	Do Not Score Code
SPEAKING		Paper	K	<input type="text"/>
WRITING		Paper	K	<input type="text"/>
READING		Paper	K	<input type="text"/>
LISTENING		Paper	K	<input type="text"/>

Back to Student List

The dropdown menu for 'Do Not Score Code' contains the following options: Absent (ABS), Invalidate (INV), Declined (DEC), and Deferred Special Education/504 (SPD). Red arrows point to 'Absent (ABS)' and 'Declined (DEC)'.

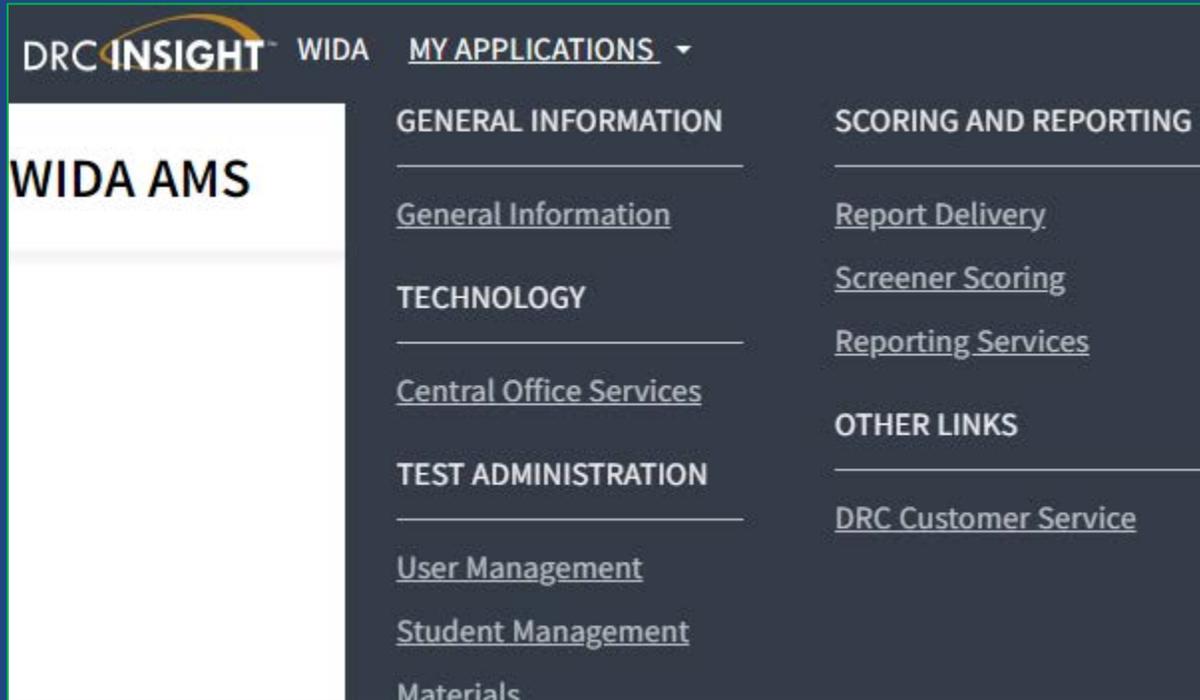
Pre-Reporting by Districts/Schools

The work completed by districts and schools during pre-reporting data validation will allow students with Less Than Four Domains (LT4D) to receive Individual Score Reports and imputed Overall Composite Proficiency Levels, both provided by DRC.

Providing reference files with potential data errors is intended to support test coordinators, EL Directors, and other local staff to complete this work.

Additional Pre-Reporting Data Validation Resources

WIDA AMS



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WIDA AMS

GENERAL INFORMATION

- [General Information](#)

TECHNOLOGY

- [Central Office Services](#)

TEST ADMINISTRATION

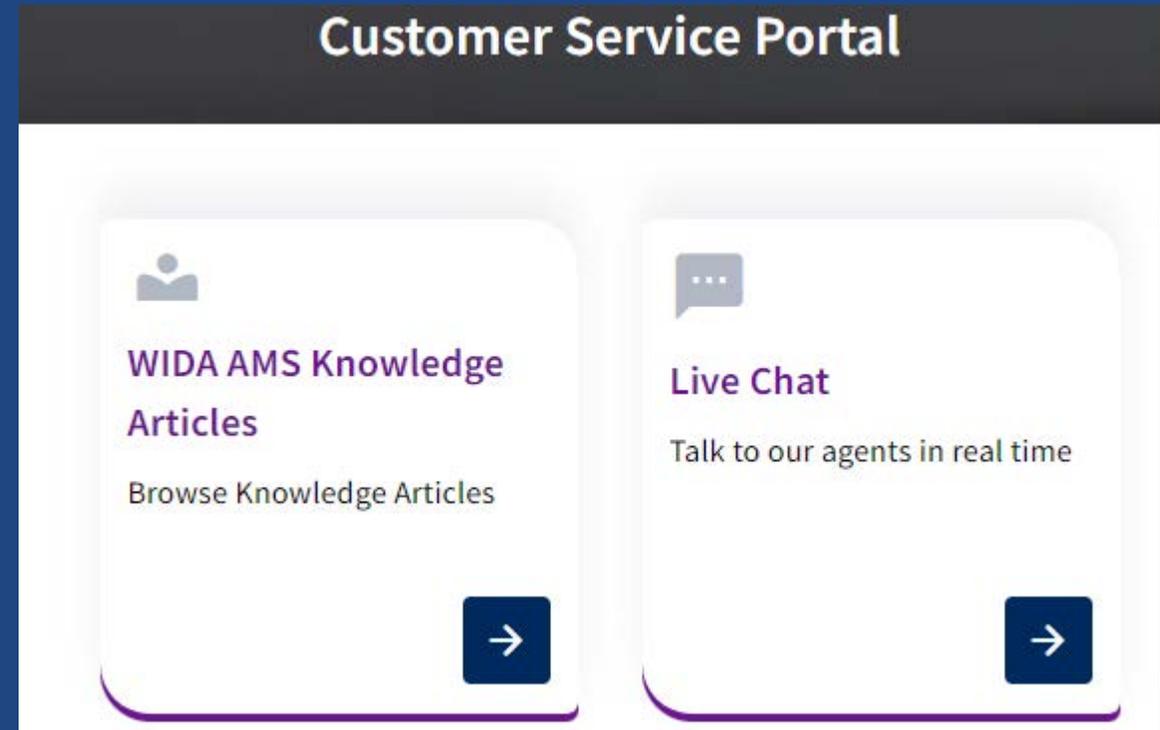
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OTHER LINKS

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Customer Service Portal

WIDA AMS Knowledge Articles

Browse Knowledge Articles

Live Chat

Talk to our agents in real time

Knowledge Articles

Please note that the AMS contains four Knowledge Articles on the topic of Pre-Reporting Data Validation, which include step-by-step instructions and images.

The screenshot shows the WIDA AMS Knowledge Articles search results page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the DRC INSIGHT logo, the text 'WIDA', and a dropdown menu for 'DRC CUSTOMER SERVICE'. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Customer Service Portal → WIDA AMS Knowledge Articles'. The main heading is 'WIDA AMS Knowledge Articles'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search Knowledge Articles' above it. The search bar contains the word 'data' and has a search icon and a clear icon. To the right of the search bar, it says 'Results (4)'. Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'Reports' which lists four knowledge articles:

- [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 is Data Validation and who is responsible for it?](#)

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WIDA ACCESS Data Validation 

Recorded on March 3, 2026

This webinar provides information on reviewing and validating student records in WIDA AMS, how to check for duplicate records, and how to handle unique situations.

[See video and related resources](#)

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- Accessibility and Accommodations

ACCESS Data Validation Webinar Transcript
This transcript accompanies the recording of the ACCESS Data Validation webinar.
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WIDA AMS User Guide Supplement for Data Validation
This document is a supplement to the WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS) User Guide. This supplement describes how to complete the Data Validation process in WIDA AMS. Data Validation only applies to the WIDA ACCESS suite of assessments.
[Resource Details](#) [Download Resource](#)

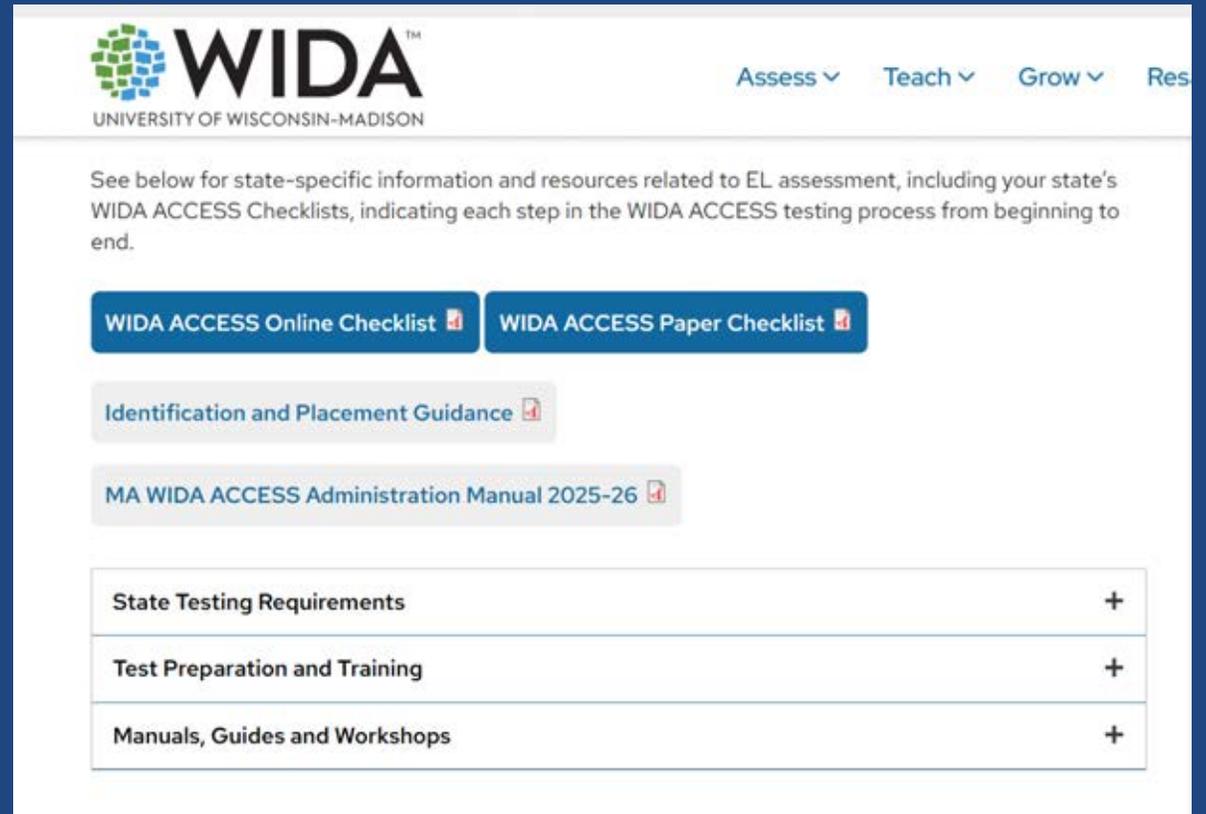
Today's Slides are Available

WIDA/Massachusetts state page:

- Click on the “+” in the Manuals, Guides and Workshops section

Emailed to registrants 3/24

Send us an email!



The screenshot shows the WIDA website header with the logo and navigation links: Assess, Teach, Grow, and Res. Below the header, there is a paragraph of text: "See below for state-specific information and resources related to EL assessment, including your state's WIDA ACCESS Checklists, indicating each step in the WIDA ACCESS testing process from beginning to end." Below this text are three buttons: "WIDA ACCESS Online Checklist", "WIDA ACCESS Paper Checklist", and "Identification and Placement Guidance". Below these buttons is a link for "MA WIDA ACCESS Administration Manual 2025-26". At the bottom, there is a table with three rows, each with a plus sign in the right column:

State Testing Requirements	+
Test Preparation and Training	+
Manuals, Guides and Workshops	+

Open Office Hours

Monday, March 30

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Questions after the training?

The team is holding drop in Office Hours on both Monday and Friday of next week. The purpose is to have a virtual space for WIDA ACCESS test coordinators completing local pre-reporting data validation to receive support and have questions answered in real time.

Register for Monday, 3/30/2026:

ACCESS Data Validation Office Hour

Register for Friday, 4/3/2026:

ACCESS Data Validation Office Hour

THANK YOU

We are here to support!



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