

Minnesota District Coordinator for WIDA eLearning Accounts

MDE continues the partnership with WIDA to offer on-demand, self-paced eLearning content at no charge to K-12 educators and administrators in Minnesota. Professional learning communities and individuals can engage with these interactive eWorkshops to learn how to take specific actions to improve educational outcomes and opportunities for English learners. The following sessions are available September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 to all Minnesota education staff with a school or district e-mail address. Staff will need to work with their district's eLearning Coordinator if they don't already have access to the eLearning Center in the [WIDA Secure Portal](#).

- **English Learner Foundational Concepts** (10 hours) *Audience:* Teacher Leaders, Facilitators, Coaches & ESL/Bilingual
- **Doing and Talking STEM** (6 hours) *Audience:* Science Teachers, Math Teachers, and ESL/Bilingual Teachers.
- **Using the WIDA Writing Rubric** (10 hours) *Audience:* K-12 classroom and ESL/bilingual teachers.
- **Leading for Equity: Classroom Walkthroughs** (2 hours) *Audience:* K-12 school leaders who engage in classroom

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- **Classroom Educators: Engaging Newcomer Multilingual Learners** (2 hours) *Audience:*
- **Developing Language for Learning in Mathematics** (4 hours) *Audience:* K-12 math and ESL teachers

Course completers print a certificate of completion to present to local continuing education committees for CEUs to meet Relicensure requirements.

Action requested:

Districts and charter school site verification coordinators will need to designate and maintain one or more District Coordinators for WIDA eLearning Accounts. The District Coordinator for WIDA eLearning Accounts will be given permissions to assign and manage educator accounts.

Which staff member(s) should be the District Coordinator for WIDA eLearning Accounts?

Individuals who can work with principals and district staff to create a list of all staff members who will be able to access the WIDA eLearning workshops. This individual will submit the list of staff e-mails to WIDA Client Services for bulk upload (help@wida.us) at the start of the year in the WIDA secure portal.

1. K-12 districts and charter schools will need to maintain their WIDA eLearning Coordinator contact information on the MDE.ORG site and should update that information as needed (at least annually).
2. New eLearning Coordinators will need to request a districtwide account creation account for eLearning permissions by sending an e-mail to mde.el@state.mn.us. Questions may also be directed to Mai Yang at 651-582-8579.
3. The district's WIDA eLearning Coordinator should work with the district leaders for curriculum & instruction, professional learning, and multilingual learner programs to ensure that staff are aware of this content and who to contact to get access to the eLearning center.
4. Districts can provide a list to WIDA to complete a bulk file upload so that all classroom teachers and school administrators have access to WIDA eLearning accounts. Click on the link [here](#) for detailed instructions.
5. Send your Excel file with the subject line "eLearning Account Request" to help@wida.us
6. Notify your educators to look for an e-mail message from WIDA so they can complete the account creation process. Your e-mail should include this [link with details about WIDA eLearning options in Minnesota](#).

***These eLearning options provide great content for professional learning communities and district learning networks. These courses provide a free option for staff who need professional learning for teacher licensure renewal.**