WIDA MODEL Enhancements

WIDA is refreshing some of the content of MODEL Online based on feedback from educators. We are developing new test content and the new items and tasks have been reviewed for content, bias, and sensitivity by educators. The next step is to administer this new test content to students in Grades 1-12 via a field test. We are currently recruiting schools and students to participate in a field test for the new writing tasks.

What you Need to Know about the Writing Field Test

You don’t need to be a current user of WIDA MODEL to participate in this field test, and participation is completely voluntary. The test consists of two writing tasks, and it should take about 60 minutes to administer. The field test is open to all schools and districts with multilingual learners in Grades 1-12. No previous experience with WIDA MODEL is required. All students will see the writing prompts on their computers, via the MODEL Test Administrator Interface (TAI); however, students in Grades 1-5 will handwrite their responses and students in Grades 6-12 will type their responses on the computer.

Important Dates

WIDA MODEL Online field testing takes place between August 2019 and January 2020. WIDA offers each site that administers field tests to 20 or more students a monetary incentive. Sites may choose to either receive a check for $100 to spend on school supplies OR $100 credit to use in the WIDA Store.

Sign Up Now!

If you’re interested in participating in the writing field test, please complete this participation interest form go.wisc.edu/MODELfieldtest. Complete a separate form for each individual school you plan to register.

After you sign up, WIDA staff will be in touch with next steps.

Need More Information?

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