

## Use of WIDA Products and Services for Private Independent Schools

The WIDA consortium provides its member states with a number of products and services. Among those products include the following assessments:

- The Kindergarten W-APT screening assessment
- The WIDA Online Screener (Grades 1-12) screening assessment
- The ACCESS for ELLs English language proficiency assessment
- Alternate ACCESS – an English language proficiency assessment designed for students with severe cognitive disabilities

WIDA also provides professional development and learning tools located on the WIDA website (<https://wida.wisc.edu/>) and the ability to have professional development and/or technical assistance directly from WIDA.

In Missouri, the Department does not have any objection to private schools using any of the products or services provided by WIDA as long as they are paid for **DIRECTLY** by the private school.

In order to gain access to the WIDA products and services, the private school will need to take the following steps:

**Step 1** – The school test coordinator will contact DRC Customer Service at 855-787-9615. DRC will get the school into their system so that ACCESS for ELLs assessments can be ordered. Before ordering test materials, schools must agree to abide by confidentiality policies and security as indicated in state MOU agreements. The school will also set up payment directly with DRC.

**Step 2** – Contact the WIDA Client Services Center at 866-276-7735 to establish a login for the WIDA website. The test coordinator will be given a login that will give access to the Kindergarten W-APT screener, the training for the Online Screener, ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS and any PD or professional learning materials located on the WIDA website.

**Step 3** – The test coordinator can use the account creator found on the WIDA website to create accounts for any examiners they have. For questions about this, please contact the WIDA Client Services Center at [help@wida.us](mailto:help@wida.us) or 866-276-7735.

**Note:** If the school chooses to use any of the paid offerings from WIDA – The Paper Screener, The WIDA MODEL, etc. they are free to do so, but must pay for those products **DIRECTLY**. The state does not pay for them. If a private school would like to set up any professional development or professional learning opportunities through WIDA or need technical assistance from WIDA, there are additional costs that will need to be covered by the private school **DIRECTLY**. Please contact the WIDA Client Services Center for more information on setting up events and any associated costs.

Results from any assessments are not included with the state data files and can only be accessed directly by the private school.