This message is to provide districts with an update on training materials and guidance for the ACCESS for ELLs assessments.

If you haven't already signed up for the DESE EL Listserv - http://lists.mo.gov/mailman/listinfo/english-language-learner - please do so to ensure you don't miss any information from DESE about ELs.

First, the full calendar for the ACCESS year has been confirmed. The dates, which you can find in several of the documents referenced in this email, and on the DESE ACCESS page and the Missouri page on the WIDA.us site are as follows:

Event	Start Date	Final Date
Test Materials Ordering Window	10/2/17	11/9/17
Pre-Code File Due To DESE	DUE 11/9/17	
Test Setup Window	11/13/17	3/2/18
Districts Receive Materials	12/11/17	
Additional Materials Ordering Window	12/11/17	2/23/18
ACCESS for ELLs State Testing Window	1/8/18	3/2/18
Deadline To Ship Materials Back To DRC	DUE 3/16/18	
Pre-Reporting Data Validation	4/2/18	4/9/18
Districts Receive Reports	5/9/18	
Post-Reporting Data Validation	5/9/18	5/15/18
Districts Receive Revised Reports	5/24/18	

The following resources are now available on the DESE Assessment ACCESS for ELLs page - https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/assessment/access-ells
- LEA Guide To English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessments 2017-2018 - https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-ell-guide-to-elp-assessments-1718.pdf
- ACCESS 2.0 Quick Reference Guide - https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-ell-access-quick-reference-guide.pdf
- WIDA.US District Test Coordinator Quick Start Guide - https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-ell-wida-stie-dtc-quick-start-guide.pdf

The following resources are available on the WIDA.US site (May need to be logged in to access some of these documents/materials)
- WIDA Webinar Calendar - https://www.wida.us/Assessment/ACCESS%202.0/documents/ACCESSWebinarCalendar.pdf
- If you miss a WIDA Webinar, or cannot attend, they record all webinars and post them here: https://www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS%202.0/WebinarRecordings.aspx
- On the Blue Bar at the top go to ASSESSMENT>ACCESS for ELLs 2.0. Once there, click the Preparing Students tab. On this tab you will find
  o Handouts for preparing for the Online and Paper administrations
  o Guidance documents on preparing students for the Speaking Portion of the Assessment – broken down into Grades 1-3, 4-5 and 6-12
  o Test Demo
  o Sample Items
  o Test Practice

- An Online Test Administrator Troubleshooting Guide - https://www.wida.us/Assessment/ACCESS%202.0/documents/ACCESS_for_ELLs_2.0_Online_Test_Administrator_Troubleshooting_Guide.pdf
- An updated Accessibility and Accommodations Supplement (Some sections in the Manual refer to checking with the state agency. Missouri has created a specific appendage to answer those specific questions. It is available on the Missouri State Page on WIDA.us)
- The Missouri State Page - https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Missouri.aspx - will be getting updated this week. Once it is updated, please be sure to go there to get the **ACCESS for ELLs Checklist**. The checklist is a complete guide of steps/trainings/events that happen before, during and after testing.

A quick note about Test Materials Ordering – Please be sure to watch the training webinar and read the section in the manual before completing the ordering process. Additionally, when ordering paper materials (for students who have an IEP or students for whom using technology would be a barrier, please note that Tier A is for newcomer students, Tier C for those students who are on the verge of exiting and Tier B for the other 80-90% of students.

Finally, DRC sent out three memos on Friday to District Test Coordinators, with the third being sent also to District IT Coordinators. If you did not receive these emails and you are the District Test Coordinator, it means you are not listed as the DTC in the WIDA-AMS.us system. Please contact me to get that rectified. Additionally, if you are a District Test Coordinator and do not have an account on WIDA.us, you can contact me as well to get that setup. For all non- DTCs, your DTC can set you up with accounts on either the WIDA.us training site, or the WIDA-AMS.us administration portal. Please contact them directly if you do not have an account and feel you should.

Thanks for all you do!

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