EL/WIDA Update – September 24, 2018

DESE EL Website Update
https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/assessment/el-assessment
The DESE EL Website and has been completely updated for the 2018-2019 school year. All documents needed for ACCESS administration including the Test Coordinators Manual, Test Administrators Manual, WIDA AMS User Guide and Accommodations and Assessment Guide have been updated.

Resource Spotlight
I wanted to highlight four specific resources to use this year:
- *EL Assessment Guide* - https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-ell-guide-to-elp-assessments-1819.pdf - Formerly known as the LEA Guide to ELP Assessments, this is a high-level look at WIDA and all ACCESS testing: ACCESS, Kindergarten ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS.
- *WIDA Account Creation Guide* - https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-ell-wida-accounts.pdf - This one page document directs you to who you need to talk with to create an account on either the WIDA site or the WIDA AMS site.
- *WIDA Webinar Schedule* - https://portal.wida.us/get.aspx?id=2345 - WIDA hosts a number of live webinars throughout the year on topics such as What's New, ACCESS Training, Technology, Test Scheduling, Monitoring Testing, Returning Materials and more. If you can't make a live webinar, WIDA posts recording of all their webinars on their site at https://portal.wida.us/ACCESSTraining/ACCESSWebinars.aspx.
- *ACCESS To-Do Checklist* - https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-el-access-checklist-1819.pdf - This checklist outlines every step that needs to be taken before, during and after ACCESS testing. The steps are broken down by role: District Test Coordinator, School Test Coordinator and Test Administrator.

MOSIS Coding Change
In an effort to provide clarity for districts and to be able to get more accurate data, DESE is in the process of updating the coding of English Learners within student information systems. We will be **phasing out** the use of the LEP_NRC code over the next year. The code will be removed by the start of the 2019-2020 academic year. **All current English Learners must now be coded as LEP_RCV**. The following chart provides updated descriptions for each code. These EL status codes should be updated as part of the October student core. Please note that any student still coded as NRC when the ACCESS window starts are still required to take the ACCESS assessment.

If you have questions about coding, please contact Kim Oligschlaeger at 573-751-3543 or kim.oligschlaeger@dese.mo.gov

Code	Description	Takes ACCESS	In EL subgroup
LEP_RCV	Students identified as an English learner. These students will take the yearly ACCESS assessment to determine future eligibility in the LIEP.	Yes	Yes
LEP_MY1	Monitored Year 1 - Former English learner students in the first year of monitored status. These former ELs are still recognized in the EL accountability subgroup.	No	Yes
LEP_MY2	Monitored Year 2 - Former English learner students in the second year of monitored status. These former ELs are still recognized in the EL accountability subgroup.	No	Yes
LEP_AY3	Accountability Year 3 - Former English learner students that are no longer monitored. These former ELs are still recognized in the EL accountability subgroup.	No	Yes
LEP_AY4	Accountability Year 4 - Former English learner students that are no longer monitored. These former ELs are still recognized in the EL accountability subgroup.	No	Yes
LEP_NLP	Students who are not English learners.	No	No

Upcoming Dates

Finally, I just wanted to make you aware of the upcoming dates involved with ACCESS in the next few months.

The Student Count/Ordering Window opens up on October 1 and goes until November 8. This is where the DTC goes into WIDA AMS and inputs student counts for all EL students. This is required.

Also, the Pre-Code file for ACCESS is due to DESE on November 2. Participating in the pre-code process will allow students to be populated in the system and for those who need paper versions, you will receive labels for the booklets. If you have questions about the Pre-Code process, please contact Melissa Bardwell at 573-522-3328 or melissa.bardwell@dese.mo.gov.

Finally, if you haven't already done so, sign up for the DESE EL Listserv at https://lists.mo.gov/mailman/listinfo/english-language-learner to ensure you are kept up to date with all EL Assessment, Curriculum, Instruction, Title III and Accountability news and updates.

Thanks,

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