WIDA Precode:

2025-26 Academic Year

Office of English Language Proficiency





Topics Addressed in this Webinar

- Purpose of the WIDA Precode
- New: WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Accommodations for English Learners Guidance
- Precode location
- Reviewing site EL rosters
- Verifying IEP and 504 Plan accommodations
- Additional points to note



What is the WIDA Precode?

- The WIDA Precode process generates a file containing all English Learners in the state who are expected to participate in the spring ACCESS assessments.
- The file generated by the WIDA Precode process is uploaded by the state to WIDA AMS where:
- 1) all students who will participate in the ACCESS Online assessment are automatically assigned the appropriate test sessions
- 2) all paper/pencil and associated test administration materials are automatically ordered



Where is the WIDA Precode Generated?

- The WIDA Precode file is generated through the Accountability Reporting application.
- Advantages of using Accountability Reporting:
- 1. Ensure greater accuracy in identifying those students expected to participate in the ACCESS assessments
- Account for (and provide LEAs the ability to indicate) individual student accommodations that require participation in the WIDA ACCESS Paper, Alternate ACCESS, Braille, and large print assessments
- Import WIDA accommodations from EdPlan for the WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS



New: WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Accommodations for English Learners

- Beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, the Office of Accountability will pull testing accommodations for the WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS tests for all K–12 dually identified English Learners directly from EdPlan for the WIDA Precode (11/4/25–11/19/25).
- OSDE requests IEP teams review and, if appropriate, enter these accommodations into EdPlan for all eligible K-12 students. If the IEP is already finalized, this will require an amendment and parent/guardian notification. For detailed instructions, see New Guidance for Dually Identified English Learners Receiving Accommodations on WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS.



WIDA Accommodations

WIDA Accessibility and Accommodations Manual



WIDA ACCESS Accommodations

State/District WIDA ACCESS 2.0



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Select WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Accommodat	tion(s)	
ES WIDA Extended Speaking Test Response Time	IR WIDA Human Reader - Read item text, graphics, labels, and answer choices (excludes reading)	MC WIDA – Manual control of audio (excludes reading)
NS WIDA- Test may be administered by school personnel in non-school setting (applicable to all domains)	RA WIDA- Repeat item audio (excludes reading)	WD WIDA-Word Processor or simila keyboarding device to respond to test items (excludes speaking)
RP WIDA-Human reader for repeat of response options one time (excludes reading)	SD WIDA-Interpreter signs instructions, test directions and practice items in ASL (applicable to all domains but not response options, passages, or test items)	SR WIDA- Scribe (excludes speaking)
RD WIDA- Student responds using a recording device which is played back and transcribed by the student	BR WIDA- Braille (1-12) Paper only – Order Early	LP WIDA- Large Print KACCESS or Paper (1-12 only) Order Early
(applicable only to writing)	EM WIDA- Extended test time over multiple days (written request and evidence provided to SDE)	ACCESS for ELLS paper LV - Low vision script (Kindergarten)

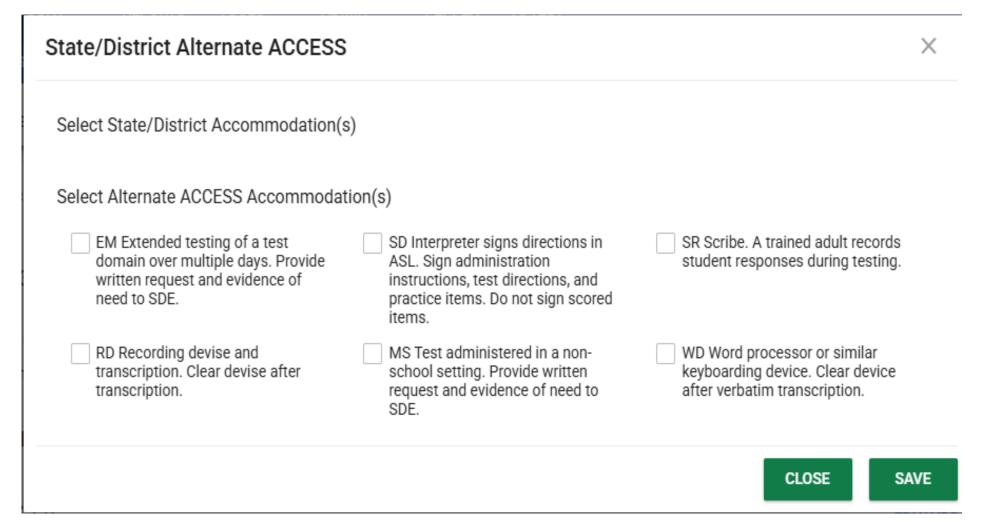
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WIDA Alternate ACCESS Accommodations





New: WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Accommodations for English Learners

- For the 2025–2026 administration only, if schools cannot enter accommodations in EdPlan for grades K–2 and 9, 10, and 12, the existing Accommodation DVR request process will remain available through Accountability Reporting. This process requires uploading the student's IEP and highlighting relevant language for accommodations requested for approval.
- Moving forward, OSDE will streamline all WIDA accommodation reporting through EdPlan.



Reviewing Site-Level EL Student Rosters

- Before starting the review process, LEAs are strongly encouraged to ensure that:
- 1. All Student School ELL Flag Conflicts being generated in the Accountability Reporting application have been adequately addressed:



- 2. For students served under an IEP, ensure that any WIDA ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS accommodations have been correctly reported in the EdPlan system for **all K-12** dually identified English Learners.
- Failure to ensure either point above may lead to incorrect student assignment in ACCESS Online test sessions and/or additional time spent correcting issues and ordering additional materials after the initial upload.

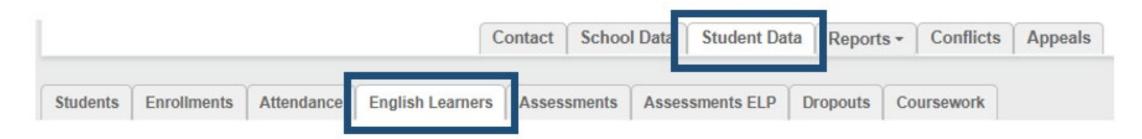


Review Process

- Note that any staff tasked with completing this review will require site and/or district-level read/review access in the Accountability Reporting application.
- 1. Open the Accountability Reporting application in Single Sign On:



 Select the desired site (located under the Schools tab for district-level users), select Student Data, and then select English Learners:





- Note that the English Learners tab will generate a default roster of all EL students who have been enrolled at the selected site in the current academic year regardless of a student's current enrollment status.
- 3. Locate the **English Learner** column and select "Expected Assessment" in the dropdown menu:
- Selecting the filter "Y" will generate a roster including only those students currently enrolled at the site who are expected to participate in the spring ACCESS assessments. Any student listed in this roster at the close of the WIDA Precode window will be uploaded to the AMS system.





- 4. Noting the points below, verify the students listed in the roster against local information and ensure proper alignment.
- If a student is appropriately listed on the roster, no further action is required of the LEA.
- If an LEA feels an identified student should not be included on this roster, please review the student's EL assessment and identification history (the English Learner Data Toolkit may be helpful in this process).
- If the LEA still feels the student should not be present on the roster after review, please contact OELP staff to discuss student eligibility for an EL Misidentification Appeal.

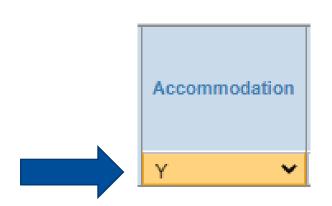


- If an LEA feels a student should be included on this roster and is not, please verify that the student has been assigned either 2349/Limited English
 Proficient/English Language Learner or 1637/Limited English Proficient/English
 Language Learner Declined District EL Services status in the local SIS. If the correct status is confirmed, please contact OELP staff for technical assistance.
- 5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 for each LEA site. After all students have been verified and the site rosters are correct, no further action is required.
- LEAs completing this review early in the window are strongly encouraged to monitor their rosters for accuracy and resolve conflicts until the closure of the review window.
- While the WIDA Precode is a filtered snapshot of the English Learners tab taken at one point in time, note that the students populating on the tab will continually update as ELs move in and out of the LEA over the course of the year.



Verifying IEP and 504 Plan Accommodations

 When reviewing student assessment rosters, LEA staff may select the arrow in the Accommodation column and select "Y" to generate students with accommodations:



Grade Level	English Proficiency Code	Language Count	Enrollment Exit Date	Expected Assessment	Create DVR (Accom.)	Accommodation	C
~	~			Υ ~		~	
04	2349	3	05/18/2023	Υ			
06	2349	3	05/18/2023	Υ			
04	2349	3	05/18/2023	Υ		Y	
04	2349	3	05/18/2023	Y			
06	2349	3	05/18/2023	Υ			
04	2349	3	05/18/2023	Υ			
04	2349	3	05/18/2023	Υ			



- A "Y" indicates that the student:
- Is being served under an IEP that has been correctly uploaded to the EdPlan system
- 2. Has been assigned one of four testing accommodations in EdPlan that require paper/pencil participation in the ACCESS assessment (hovering over the "Y" will indicate the underlying accommodation):
 - Alternate Assessment (i.e., Alternate ACCESS)
 - Paper/Pencil
 - Large Print
 - Braille



- If the LEA verifies the "Y" is correctly assigned, no further action is necessary.
- If the LEA feels the system **should be** generating a "**Y**" for a student, please verify that the appropriate testing accommodations have been selected in the EdPlan system. If the student's accommodations have been verified, please contact OELP staff for technical support.
- If the LEA feels the system **should not be** generating a "**Y**", please verify that the appropriate testing accommodations have been selected in the EdPlan system. If the student's accommodations have been verified, please contact OELP staff for technical support.



Indicating 504 Plan & IEP Accommodations for Grades K-2, 9-10, & 12 If Not Entered in EdPlan

While reviewing student assessment rosters, LEA staff may see a blue +DVR button generated in the Create DVR (Accom.) column to the left of the student's Accommodation column:

Grade Level	English Proficiency Code	Language Count	Enrollment Exit Date	Assessment	Create DVR (Accom.)
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02	2349	3		3618406	+ DVR
02	2349	3		3618491	+ DVR
02	2349	3		3618487	
02	2349	3		3618403	
02	2349	3		3618393	
02	2349	3		3618387	
02	2349	3		3618410	
02	2349	3		3618380	
02	2349	3		3618413	
02	2349	3		3618494	+ DVR
02	2349	3		3618475	



- A blue +DVR button indicates that the student is being served under an IEP or 504 Plan and is not currently enrolled in an OSTP tested year (grades 3-8 or 11). Please note that for grades 3-8 or 11, EdPlan must be used to enter accommodations.
- If utilizing the DVR process rather than entering accommodations in EdPlan, the LEA will need to enter WIDA accommodations manually during the testing window as they will not be pulled automatically from EdPlan.



• If the student's IEP or 504 Plan affords the student one or more of the four testing accommodations (Alternate Assessment, Large Print, Braille, or Paper/Pencil) or the student has been assigned another accommodation that would necessitate paper/pencil testing, clicking the blue +DVR button will automatically generate a window allowing LEA staff to provide a brief description of the accommodation in the Messages space and to upload the IEP or 504 Plan highlighting the accommodation under Documents.

Messages 0	Documents 0			
Type request h	ere			
You must enter	a message of at leas	st 20 characters in	length	Send
• You must enter	a message of at leas	st 20 characters in	length	Send



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- Participation in the Alternate ACCESS assessment mandates participation in the OAAP assessment. Alternate assessment must be selected in the IEP or 504 Plan. Please see the WIDA Alternate ACCESS Participation Decision Tree in the WIDA Accessibility and Accommodations Manual.
- Additionally, alternate assessment participation requires <u>parental</u> <u>consent</u>.
- If the student is not generating a blue +DVR button and the LEA feels they should be, the LEA is asked to verify the presence of an IEP in the EdPlan system or that the student is indicated as being served under a 504 Plan in the local SIS. If either is verified and the issue persists, please contact OELP staff for technical support.



Additional Points to Note

- The WIDA Precode window will be open from November 4- November 19, 2025.
- LEAs are not required to "certify" their site EL rosters, only to ensure that they
 are correct upon closure of the window.
- OSDE acknowledges that the current method of reporting student testing accommodations does not address every scenario where a paper/pencil assessment may be required. Specific cases where a student is not served on an IEP or 504 Plan and will still participate in one or more domains of paper/pencil ACCESS assessment will need to be addressed on a case-bycase basis at the local level. Any necessary paper materials would then be ordered in the additional materials ordering window (January 5, 2026- March 20, 2026).



Additional Points to Note

- For LEAS requesting Alternate ACCESS for Kindergarten,1st, and/or 2nd graders, please create a blue +DVR and upload an IEP or 504 Plan stating that the student will most likely participate in the alternate state assessment (OAAP). Please see the WIDA Alternate ACCESS Participation Decision Tree in the WIDA Accessibility and Accommodations Manual.
- Additionally, alternate assessment participation requires parental consent.



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