Focus on Assessment

It's WIDA Time in CCSD

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Summative Assessment page found on the WIDA website provides information that educators and families may use relating to students' current level of English language proficiency. This information provides educators with actionable data to (1) improve instruction for English language learners and (2) provide a way to examine the value of English language and bilingual programs. Please visit **https://www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS20.aspx**.

For information on sample prompts or practice items, which will allow students and educators to familiarize themselves with online test items, visit the Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) website at **https://www.drcedirect.com/all/eca-portal ui/welcome/WIDA**.

2016-2017 WIDA Training Now Available

All School Test Administrators, those administering the test, and School Test Coordinators, those who have access to the WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS), must complete the ACCESS 2.0 training courses and the Nevada State Security Training. Annual recertification on the WIDA website for Kindergarten and the Alternative Access assessments is required.

The Nevada page of the WIDA website **https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Nevada.aspx** offers guidance on preparing for Grades 1-12 online annual assessment. Those who are involved in the administration of the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment can now see enhanced interactive training tutorials. These tutorials should be used in place of the 2015-2016 training checklist used last year. It is highly suggested that these tutorials, which include end-of-session quizzes, be used as refreshers for anyone supporting the administration of the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment. The following titles highlight the content in these tutorials:

- Training Overview
- Test Scheduling
- Ordering & Managing Test Materials
- Test Practice & Test Tickets (online test only)

- Accessibility Overview
- Administering the Test
- Assigning Accommodations
- After Testing

WIDA Test Administration Times (Approximate)

Test	Time Required
Listening	Up to 40 minutes
Reading	Up to 45 minutes
Speaking	15-35 minutes per student
Writing	Up to 60 minutes

Please note: The times do not include set-up time or the additional 15 minutes to review practice items.

Breaking News: End Of Course (EOC) Results

AARSI is excited to announce the release of DRC dates for the online and paper score reporting for the End of Course exams. Reporting dates are listed in the table below. Users with **School Access** (Administrators and Test Coordinators) have permissions to view and download School Roster Reports and Individual Student Score Reports.

Assessment	Format	Reporting Date
End of Course	Online at eDirect	December 6, 2016
	Paper Student Reports & Rosters	December 16, 2016

To access eDirect online EOC student reports use the following URL:
https://www.drcedirect.com/all/eca-portal-ui/welcome/NV

More information will be available soon on archiving and distributing the reports. Support resources on how to interpret Individual Student Score Reports are currently being developed to assist schools with their communication to parents (videos and guides). COMING SOON

Resources

All open-source resources pertaining to the Smarter Balanced comprehensive assessment system can be found on the CCSD Assessment Department website at: **http://www.ccsd.net/divisions/assessment-accountability-research-school-improvement-division/assessment**

Sample Questions

If you would like to view some sample SBAC test questions in English Language Arts or Mathematics, please go to: http:/www.smarterbalanced.org/assessments/sample-questions/

Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments Hand-Scored Items

NEW Educator Hand-Scoring Video and Guide

Most items contained in the interim assessments are machine scored, however, constructed response items and performance tasks must be hand-scored and entered in the Teacher Scoring Interface. The Educator Hand-Scoring video walks through how to access and score these items using examples provided in eDirect. Visit the SBAC Interims 3-8 icon in InterAct for all videos and guides.

Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments

The Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments will assist teachers in discovering what content students have learned and what concepts need revisiting to ensure mastery of the Nevada Academic Content Standards.

Available Resources in InterAct (District Link > Student Assessment > SBAC Interims 3-8)

Interim Assessment Parent Guide
Interim Assessment Overview
Educator Hand-Scoring Guidance
Sample Test Questions
Rubrics and Scoring Guides
Interim Assessment Blueprints
Item Specifications