



The ND ExcELLing Educator

North Dakota ELL Newsletter

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ACCESS 2.0 Reminders

- ◆ **Now Available! ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Training Courses:** Training for the new online *ACCESS 2.0 Grades 1-12* is required for **ALL** test administrators. There are now just three quizzes: Kindergarten ACCESS, Alternate ACCESS, and Paper-based ACCESS Speaking domain test. All other ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 training will be a completion of the checklist items. Training modules are now available at www.wida.us/client/index.aspx (a WIDA login is required)
- ◆ **Emails Went Out!** Test Coordinators received an email from DRC regarding their account setup. Find out who has this access for your district. This individual is responsible for the following:
 - Creating WIDA AMS user accounts and assign permissions for your School Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Technology Coordinators.
 - Reviewing and completing all applicable steps listed in the interactive checklist of the WIDA Training Course.
- ◆ **Prepare Your Staff!** ACCESS 2.0 preparation webinars are available on the WIDA website for your testing staff. They are specific to technology coordinator, test coordinator, and test administrator. To register, go to www.wida.us/assessment/access20-prep.aspx.
- ◆ **RESOURCES** are available on WIDA'S Preparations Resources page at www.wida.us/assessment/access20-prep.aspx.

Professional Development

- ◆ **Test Administrator Training – MODEL K-12 and Kindergarten ACCESS 2.0:** November 20, 2015, in Fargo, ND . Watch the Events calendar on the NDDPI website for updates www.nd.gov/dpi/events/.
 - ◆ **WIDA Data Analysis – Focus on Schools and Districts:** December 1-2, 2015, at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck, ND. Visit the NDDPI Events calendar at www.nd.gov/dpi/events/ for more information
 - ◆ **Dakota TESL – 2015 Closer Connections Conference:** November 9-10, 2015 at the Holiday Inn City Centre, Sioux Falls, SD. To register visit <http://www.dakotatesl.com/>.
 - ◆ **WIDA Winter ACADEMY**
 - **The Language of Science – December 8 –10, 2015 in Orlando, FL**
Teachers will delve into combining ELD Standards and the crosscutting concepts, disciplinary core ideas, and the practices of science to engage all learners.
 - **Standards Based Lesson Planning for ELLs – December 8–10, 2015 in Orlando, FL**
Participants will explore elements of the WIDA Standards Framework in depth as they design instruction that promotes students' content learning and language development.
- For more information and registration details about these academy opportunities, visit the WIDA website www.wida.us/ProfessionalDev/academies/

General Information

- ◆ **SCIENCE ACCOMMODATIONS:** For information regarding ELL accommodations for the NDSA Science assessment please visit www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/assessment/program/science/.
- ◆ Looking for short training ideas for classroom teachers? Check out **Colorin'Colorado** and their many video presentations on various topics.

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Program Spotlight

Fargo's "Learning by Doing"

