

February 1, 2023

Dear English Learner (EL) Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Starting February 6th, students in grades K through 12 who are considered an English Learner are required by the State of Michigan to take an English language proficiency assessment. This test is called the WIDA ACCESS. This summative test assesses a wide variety of ability levels in the areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing, and like any other test will be challenging.

- Kindergarteners will take the test one-on-one with a teacher.
- First through third grades will take the Listening, Reading and Speaking sections online, but they will hand write the Writing portion.
- Fourth through 12th graders will take the entire assessment online.

Our staff recognizes that parents wish for their child(ren) to do well on all school tests, and the WIDA ACCESS is no exception. A student's performance on this assessment is very important. The results of this test, which will be mailed to you in the fall, will serve as one of the instruments used to measure your child's learning of the English language, and also help us determine how well Wyoming Public Schools is addressing your child's needs. Our staff will closely review the WIDA ACCESS results of individual students to measure our school program's effectiveness, and help determine future instructional strategies.

If you have any questions or wish to know your child's WIDA ACCESS testing schedule, please contact your child's building principal or the EL teacher/staff.

Sincerely,



Craig Hoekstra
Superintendent