

**The Oklahoma State Department of Education would appreciate you giving your attention to WIDA’s announcement of the availability of a number of new resources to support educators who will administer ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 in 2015-16.**

**The WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS): [www.wida-ams.us](http://www.wida-ams.us)**

- ❖ DRC received the District & Site Contacts File from the OSDE on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They will begin setting up accounts for designated district-level contacts. District users will receive an email from DRC with login information after the accounts are created.
- ❖ A WIDA AMS Overview document is posted to the WIDA public website under Updates (<https://www.wida.us/assessment/WIDA%20AMS%20Overview.pdf>)
- ❖ A WIDA AMS link has also been added to the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 webpage

**The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Training Course**

The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Training Course is still “in development”. Watch for many new resources to be added over the next few weeks to the WIDA website.

Key components currently available include:

- ❖ New look and feel, including revised navigation to streamline the training process
- ❖ New electronic checklists to allow users to access and track completion of the trainings

Specific trainings released September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the Training Course are listed below:

- ❖ *Documents:*
  - WIDA AMS User Guide (Part 1)
  - The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Grades 1-12 Paper Test Administration Manual
  - The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Grades 1-12 Online Test Administration Manual
  - The Kindergarten Test Administration Manual

Please note: the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Manual will be available September 14<sup>th</sup> (with no changes to Test Administration procedures since last year)

- ❖ *Training Modules:*
  - WIDA AMS Account Set Up
  - WIDA AMS Test Materials Ordering
  - WIDA AMS Pre-ID Upload
  - WIDA AMS System Document Download

- ❖ *Pre-Recorded Webinar:*
  - Accessibility and Accommodations Tutorial

For more information regarding the Training Course, please refer to the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Training Information for Districts and Schools memo that is posted on the WIDA website under Updates. Here is the direct link.

<https://www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS%202.0/documents/ACCESS%20for%20ELLs%202.0%20LEA%20Resource%208.5.2015.pdf>

## **Upcoming WIDA Training Dates**

**Training Course:** [www.wida.us](http://www.wida.us)

(website training requiring log-in to “My Account & Secure Portal” *\*available now\**)

To provide training for Kindergarten, Alternate ACCESS, 1-12 online test administration, and 1-12 paper test administration.

### **Test Coordinator Overview Webinar**

Wednesday September 23, 2015, 10:30am CT and 1:00pm CT (live webinar, to be recorded)

([Registration link](#)) or copy/paste the following link into your web

browser: <https://wida.webex.com/mw0401lsp13/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=wida>

To provide information about Test Coordinator responsibilities and where to access detailed training information and to provide an opportunity to ask questions.

### **Test Coordinator Overview Webinar**

Thursday September 24, 2015, 10:30am CT and 1:00pm CT (live webinar, to be recorded)

([Registration link](#)) or copy/paste the following link into your web browser:

<https://wida.webex.com/mw0401lsp13/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=wida>

*This is an encore presentation of the 9/23 webinar to provide maximum opportunities to participate.*

### **Test Administrator Overview Webinar**

Wednesday September 30, 2015, 10:30am CT and 1:00pm CT (live webinar, to be recorded)

([Registration link](#)) or copy/paste the following link into your web browser:

<https://wida.webex.com/mw0401lsp13/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=wida>

To provide information about Test Administrator responsibilities and where to access detailed training information and to provide an opportunity to ask questions.

### **ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Q & A Webinars**

First Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm CT

(live webinars, with questions to be documented and posted to the WIDA website)

Beginning October 7, and continuing through April, 2016.

To provide additional opportunity for Test Administrators and Test Coordinators to ask questions as they approach their testing window.

In addition, WIDA has updated the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 website to include new content, a comprehensive list of FAQs, and new PDF Checklists for each role. The PDF checklists are aligned with the training course checklists.

- ❖ Please note the relevant information regarding ACCESS for ELLs has been incorporated into the new ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 webpages.
- ❖ All previously posted materials can still be accessed via the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Preparation Resources page, which also lists upcoming webinar dates including registration links, if applicable.
- ❖ As noted on the Preparation Resources page, upcoming training materials and timelines can be accessed via the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 training course.