

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TO: All Principals

FROM: Daniel Gohl
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VIA: Valerie Wanza, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: **ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Documentation and Training
(testing dates January 25 – March 19, 2021)**



ACTION: As of January 25, 2021, schools must begin administering all four domains of the ACCESS for ELLs to LY students who are attending school in person. Schools must also attempt to assess all students who are working remotely. If the school is unable to assess students working remotely on ACCESS for ELLs, then the school must document all attempts to contact parents and parent responses. Students who do not take the test will not receive a score.

Complete the Testing Coordinator Contacts Form located on the Student Assessment and Research Department SharePoint site (under the Testing menu) or at the following link: <https://bcps.browardschools.com/research/sar/forms/tc/tcLogin.asp>. Indicate at least one person at your school as the "ELL ACCESS" contact.

By January 15, 2021, all schools are required to have a team of assessors who must complete the state-required online *ACCESS for ELLs* Training Course. Refer to the memo posted on PIVOT *ACCESS for ELLs - Team of Assessors and Certification* for information on creating accounts and certification requirements.

In addition, we have pre-recorded the district training for Testing Coordinators. The recording can be found at https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/598658/modules#module_737344

RATIONALE: Students identified as active ELLs (LY), as of January 25, 2021, must be assessed on all four domains of *ACCESS for ELLs*. Florida administers the paper-based version of *ACCESS for ELLs* to assess student growth and mastery of the WIDA standards and to meet the requirements of Title III, Part A and ESSA. *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs* is for ELLs with severe cognitive disorders who typically take the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment (FSAA).

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Attachment

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