

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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TO: All Principals

FROM: Daniel Gohl  
Chief Academic Officer

VIA: Valerie Wanza, Ph.D.  
Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer

SUBJECT: **ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs  
(January 28 – March 22, 2019)**

**ACTION  
REQUIRED**

**ACTION:** Access 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.

Register the school's ACCESS for ELLs team for training as indicated below.

**ALL:** By January 14, 2019, all schools are required to have a team of assessors who must complete the state-required online ACCESS for ELLs Training Course. Accounts for the required online training are created at <https://wida.wisc.edu/login>, select WIDA Secure Portal and use the generic user name of "florida" and the password of "sunshine". Florida specific information can be found at <https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/fl>. The district will monitor completion of certification every two weeks upon receipt of this memo. **Test Administrators with training certificates prior to July 2017 must recertify to administer during the Spring 2019 administration.**

**New ACCESS for ELLs Testing Coordinators** are required to complete the online ACCESS for ELLs Training Course via the WIDA secure portal AND must attend one face-to-face training as follows:

Rock Island Professional Development Center  
2301 NW 26th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311  
December 17, 2018 OR December 19, 2018  
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Register at <https://bit.ly/2DouVIS> by December 7, 2018

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**Returning ACCESS for ELLs Testing Coordinators** must take the ACCESS for ELLs Paper Administration quiz via the WIDA secure portal for the 2018 – 2019 administration AND attend a one-hour district webinar.

**District Webinar**

December 13, 2018 (attend one session)

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

<https://meet.lync.com/browardcountyschools-browardschools/stephanie.bustillo/UBKF5FPY>

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<https://meet.lync.com/browardcountyschools-browardschools/stephanie.bustillo/QGN3NCKZ>

**RATIONALE:** All LY students as of January 28, 2019 must be assessed on all four domains. In order to efficiently assess student growth and mastery on the WIDA standards and to meet the requirements of Title III Part A, Florida administers the paper-based version of *ACCESS for ELLs*. *Alternate Access for ELLs* is for ELLs with severe cognitive disorders who typically take the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment Administration (FSAA).

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Attachment

DG/VW/RB/VBS:jas

c: Senior Leadership Team