

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.
Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer

SUBJECT: **ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Training
(January 27 – March 30, 2020)**



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.

ALL: By December 13, 2020, 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 September 16, 2019 *ACCESS for ELLs - Team of Assessors and Certification* for information on creating accounts and certification requirements.

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. Register at Learning Across Broward (LAB) by December 5, 2019. Search for 2020 ACCESS for ELLs Training.

Office of School Performance and Accountability (large training room)
610 NE 13th Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33060 754-321-3838

December 17, 2019 **OR** December 19, 2019
8:00 a.m. – noon

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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 2020 administration **AND** attend a one-hour district webinar.

District Webinar

December 12, 2019 (attend one session)

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

<https://meet.lync.com/browardcountyschools-browardschools/stephanie.bustillo/FW5FE8OB>

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<https://meet.lync.com/browardcountyschools-browardschools/stephanie.bustillo/OGM4K242>

RATIONALE: Students identified as active ELLs (LY), as of January 27, 2020, 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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