

# The MELANGE



## Perry Township Schools-EL Newsletter

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### Points of Pride for EL Staff



Warmest thanks for all of the hard work and outstanding contributions of everyone involved with ACCESS for ELLs. We know how much time and energy this testing has demanded, and we deeply appreciate all of your efforts to make it a great success. As always, it's great to know that we can count on the staff of Perry Township Schools to go the extra mile. Thank you again for all you do for our ELLs.

### WIDA Links!

WIDA's website ([www.wida.us](http://www.wida.us)), the test manuals, and IDOE's Office of Student Assessment and the Office of English Learning and Migrant Education have an abundance of materials and information about preparing, administering, and packing ACCESS. We have provided some of these documents here, as well as added a tab for WIDA and ACCESS to our district's EL page.

The first document is a guidance document produced by the IDOE Office of Student Assessment and Office of English Learning and Migrant Education. It contains English language proficiency **testing policy and procedures** to ensure the valid administration of the ACCESS for ELLs assessment in Indiana. Corporation Test Coordinators, EL/Title III Directors, and administrators of the ACCESS for ELLs must read this document carefully in conjunction with all secure and non-secure test materials. [wida-assessment-and-accountability-guidance](#)

The next document has been produced by Perry Township School's EL Office. It contains answers to frequently asked questions about procedures in **preparing test materials** to ensure the valid administration of the ACCESS for ELLs assessment.

#### [WIDA-ACCESS-2015-FAQ-2-2-2015](#)

The next guidance document has been produced by Perry Township School's EL Office. It contains answers to frequently asked questions about **procedures in administering** the test to ensure the valid administration of the ACCESS for ELLs assessment. [Administering WIDA FAQs](#)

The final guidance document has been produced by the IDOE Office of Student Assessment and Office of English Learning and Migrant Education. It contains English language proficiency testing **accommodations and procedures** to ensure the valid administration of the ACCESS for ELLs assessment in Indiana. Corporation Testing Coordinators, EL/Title III Directors, and administrators of the ACCESS for ELLs must read this document carefully in conjunction with all secure and non-secure test materials.

#### [Accommodations for ELLs with Disabilities updated 1-28-15](#)

All of these documents can be found on our website at:

### Learning Corner:

Legislative Updates: Several bills will impact English learners this session, which runs until April. Be sure to stay informed!

This site will provide you with updated information and helpful resources that relate to the education and rights of English learners.

<http://www.doe.in.gov/elme>

## EL Happenings

LAS links placement tests may no longer be used starting second semester. Schools must have transitioned to using the W-APT (placement) to identify new students who are enrolling in an Indiana school for the first time and had a non-English language listed on their home language survey. The W-APT functions as a screener that is used for both initial assessment and English Language (EL) program placement of students who are identified as limited English proficient (LEP).

In order to administer W-APT, test administrators need to first certify to give ACCESS and watch the very short webinars for W-APT found after you login to [www.wida.us](http://www.wida.us) and click on W-APT.

The W-APT materials have been delivered to each school and need to be stored securely at the school (i.e locked filing cabinet). Thank you Janet Nataren for your suggestions and putting together the materials in a way that made using W-APT to place new students an organized and teacher friendly resource.

In order to accurately score the W-APT, test administrators must use the score calculator found on the WIDA website under the blue Assessment tab and click on W-APT. Then click on score calculator on the right or click on the picture below to take you directly to the score calculator.



This and all other paperwork must be completed and returned to the EL office. We are asking for all originals (score calculator print out, scoring sheets, and student writing consumable booklet) to check test reliability and fidelity.

The following document lists all the states that are a part of the WIDA consortium. Buildings may utilize WIDA ACCESS scores from the previous academic year to identify new students. These students will not need to be placement tested.

#### [WIDA Consortium Members 2-2-15](#)

### Save the Dates!:

- \* WIDA testing window is now open from January 21, 2015-February 27, 2015.
- \* Spring break training for tutor/translators (more information coming soon).
- \* Two Cohorts in the Summer for Pearson's SIOP (more information coming soon)
- \* Summer training for EI Facilitators and EL Teachers (more information coming soon)