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WY-TOPP FALL INTERIM CHECK-IN



November 9th from 10-11 a.m.

Join the Wyoming Department of Education for a mid-assessment window check-in. The purpose is to check-in with educators and districts regarding the WY-TOPP fall interim administration. Please join us and give us your feedback.

Webinar log in information

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/610458366>

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WY-TOPP & PAWS ACCOMMODATIONS CROSSWALK



Click on the link below to view the Accommodations Crosswalk between WY-TOPP and PAWS. Please see the [TIDE Manual](#) for descriptions of the online accommodations and accessibility tools.

[WY-TOPP/PAWS Accommodations Crosswalk](#)

NEW ASSESSMENT RESOURCES

[Questions and Answers from the follow up WY-TOPP regional district coordinator webinar](#)

[Assessment Best Practices Guide](#)

[WY-ALT FAQ](#)



IMPORTANT DEADLINE FOR ACCESS 2.0 PAPER MATERIALS



District EL Coordinators must order paper forms and materials for campuses administering ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs by November 19th. To submit an order for paper test materials*, please visit the [AMS website](#). This deadline date is important, as additional test material ordering is often more difficult.

Click the link for access to the [AMS User Guide and short tutorials](#) that explain key functions in the WIDA AMS.

ACCESS 2.0 WRITING FIELD TEST

If you would like to participate, please contact Alex Bauer at 1-608- 265-0601 or email alex.bauer@wisc.edu as soon as possible.



As we prepare for the third operational year of the ACCESS 2.0 assessment, the department would like to share with you the details of an upcoming **writing field test** for the computer-based **ACCESS for ELLs 2.0**. This will be the **only** field test for this year, and it is on a volunteer basis and may be administered before or after a student completes the operational test. This field test gives students and administrators practice and preparation for testing.

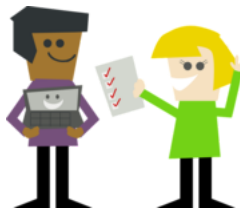
- Testing time will be approximately 20-30 minutes and participating campuses will receive a small stipend for school supplies.
- Students in grades 1-3 may test November 14, 2017 through February 16, 2018. (All students in grades 1-3 will hand write their responses)
- The window for grades 4-12 is December 4, 2017 through March 2, 2018. (All students in grades 4-12 will keyboard their responses)

WIDA states are held to the following U.S. Department of Education Peer Review Guidance.

- Must provide evidence of appropriate field testing
- Field test student sample must be representative of the "population" of final test takers (of adequate size and diversity).

Thank you for your continued dedication and effort supporting the development of ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

ACCESS FOR ELLs CHECKLIST



The 2017-2018 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Checklist will be available by November 9th. Check the [Wyoming WIDA website](#) as early as November 7th to see if the updated checklist is posted. The checklist is an important guide that highlights all tasks that need to be completed before, during, and after testing within a school or district and shows who typically completes those tasks. The Wyoming Department of Education encourages districts and campuses to follow the checklist and keep track of completed tasks when preparing to administer the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment. As you use the checklist, we would like you to note any suggestions or feedback that can help make the checklist more accurate and useful for the following year. Please follow the [link to input suggestions for the ACCESS 2.0 checklist](#).

ACT - MANAGE PARTICIPATION

ACT Building Coordinators will soon receive instructions directly from ACT regarding test date selections. PAnext, the system used to manage ACT participation, and the Wyoming Department of Education use different terms to describe the test date options. Please reference the [ACT/WDE terminology matrix](#) when choosing test dates in PAnext. Click [here to see the assessment calendar](#) for the 2017-2018 school year.

(Option 1-Paper)	
Standard Test	March 20, 2018
Accommodated Test	March 20-23, 26, 2018
Make-Up Dates Standard	April 3, 2018 and/or April 24, 2018
Make-Up Dates Accommodated	April 3-6, 9-13, 16-17, 2018 and/or April 24-27, 30, 2018
(Option 2-Paper)	
Standard Test	April 3, 2018
Accommodated Test	April 3-6, 9-13, 16-17, 2018
Make-Up Date Standard	April 24, 2018
Make-Up Date Accommodated	April 24-27, 30, 2018
(Option 3-Online)	
Standard & Accommodated Tests	April 3-5, 10-12, 2018
Make-Up Date Paper Only	April 24, 2018
Make-Up Date Accommodated Paper Only	April 24-27, 30, 2018

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **October 18-November 19:** ACCESS 2.0 Test material Ordering via AMS
- **October 23-November 17:** WY-TOPP Fall Interim window (Grades 3-10)
- **November 6-December 1:** ACT Manage participation and shipping dates in PANext
- **November 6-February 2:** ACT Request ACT-approved accommodations
- **November 9:** ACT Accommodations Q&A webinar @ 3:30 p.m.
- **November 9:** ACCESS 2.0 Checklist is available
- **November 19:** ACCESS 2.0 Deadline to order paper test materials in WIDA AMS
- **December 4-February 2:** ACT Install ProctorCache software and setup proctor cache
- **December 5:** WY-TOPP Science Content alignment Review Committee
- **December 5:** WY-TOPP Science Bias & Sensitivity Review Committee
- **December 11-15:** WY-ALT Math, ELA, and Science Content Fairness and Bias Committee
- **January 8-12:** ACCESS 2.0 Paper materials will be delivered to district offices
- **January 8:** WY-ALT Test Administrator Training in Sheridan 9:00 - 4:00
- **January 9:** WY-ALT Test Administrator Training in Riverton 9:00 - 4:00
- **January 10:** WY-ALT TA Refresher Training in Riverton 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- **January 10:** WY-ALT TA Refresher Training in Riverton 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- **January 12:** WY-ALT Test Administrator Training in Green River 9:00 - 4:00
- **January 16-February 9:** WY-TOPP Winter Interim window (Grades 1-10)
- **January 16-February 2:** ACT Verify student information in PANext
- **January 29:** ACT Standard Administration Q&A webinar @ 3:30 p.m.
- **January 22-23:** Casper - Phase I & II Literacy and Formative Assessment Workshop
- **January 23-February 27:** ACCESS 2.0 testing window
- **January 24:** WY-ALT Test Administrator Training in Cheyenne 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- **January 25:** WY-ALT TA Refresher Training in Cheyenne 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- **January 25:** WY-ALT TA Refresher Training in Cheyenne 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- **January 29-30:** Casper - Phase III The Art and Science of Teaching, Unit 2
- **January 30:** WY-ALT TA Refresher Training Webinar 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- **February 1:** WY-ALT TA Refresher Training Webinar 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- **February 1-2:** Green River - Phase III The Art and Science of Teaching, Unit 2
- **February 26-March 28:** WY-ALT testing window (Grades 3-11)
- **February 28:** ACT Standard Administration Q&A webinar @ 3:30 p.m.
- **March 20:** Option 1 - ACT paper test day
- **April 3:** Option 2 - ACT paper test day
- **April 3-5 and 10-12:** Option 3 - ACT online testing window
- **April 16-May 11:** WY-TOPP Interim Spring window (Grades K-2)
- **April 16-May 11:** WY-TOPP Summative testing window (Grades 3-10)
- **April 17-May 1:** WorkKeys testing window (Grades 11-12)



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