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Register Now: PAWS Building Coordinator Training

Join us for a webinar on Feb 09, 2017 at 3:30 PM MST.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6373571317844923650>

Educational Testing Service (ETS) and the Wyoming Department of Education will host a training webinar to review the role and responsibilities of the Building Coordinator for the 2017 PAWS administration.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

[View System Requirements](#)

Please do not register for this session if you are already attending an in-person session. If you would like to attend an in-person session, please register [here](#).

[Register Here](#)



Reminder: PAWS Large-Print Forms



If you have a student who receives an accommodation for a Large-Print test form, please be aware that student responses must be transcribed to a standard-sized form **before** it is returned to the testing vendor for scoring. The vendor has neither the capacity nor capability for doing the transcription.

Please contact the Assessment office if you have any questions.

ACT "Manage Your Participation"

For the 2017 Test Administration, ACT is offering Wyoming schools two choices for administering the ACT test. It is being offered online and/or paper/pencil.



If you would like to offer online testing in your school, please review the "Manage Your Participation" email that ACT sent to you in December. Test Coordinators will need to sign in to their PANext account. If you do not have an account, please contact the ACT Helpline: 800-553-6244 ext. 2800.

Reminder: ACCESS Testing Begins January 24



REMINDER: The testing window for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 begins on **January 24, 2017**

Prior to testing, please ensure that all students' demographic data and accommodations are correct in WIDA AMS Student Management. For students testing on paper, verify that their

Pre-ID labels are correct. If the data is incorrect, you may still use the label, but make sure to update the data in WIDA AMS Student Management. For detailed information on WIDA AMS Student Management, see the WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS) User Guide on the WIDA Training Course.

Online testers must also be placed in appropriate test sessions with WIDA AMS Test Management. To check the test sessions, follow the directions below to generate a report showing the students in test sessions.

1. Log in to WIDA AMS
2. Click on **Report Delivery>Status Reports**
3. Select the Administration and District (Select the School, if applicable)
4. Click on the **Daily Cumulative Student Status Report**

Any changes to test sessions must be made in WIDA AMS Test Management. For detailed information on Test Management, see the WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS) User Guide on the WIDA Training Course.

Your students must complete their tests before the testing window ends on February 28.

Please contact **DRC Customer Support** with any questions at WIDA@DataRecognitionCorp.com or 1-855-787-9615.

ACCESS Additional Materials Ordering Window

The additional materials ordering window for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 will be available **Monday, January 9, 2017 through Tuesday, February 21, 2017**. You may order additional testing materials needed via the WIDA AMS Additional Materials functionality. Please use the overage materials provided **before** ordering additional materials.



For assistance with ordering additional materials, view the Managing Test Materials tutorial posted in the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 training course on [WIDA's](#) website. You may access the training course on the [WIDA](#) home page by logging in with your username and password. Once on the **My Account & Secure Portal** page select the appropriate training course.

For detailed instructions on ordering additional materials, please refer to the [WIDA Assessment Management System \(WIDA AMS\) User Guide](#) which is located on the [WIDA](#) website or on [WIDA AMS](#).

ACCESS: Final 2016-17 WIDA Workshops



- January 26-27 Formative Language Assessment Jackson <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WIDAFLAJackson>
- February 7-8 Engaging ELLs in Science Green River <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCIENCEGreenRiver>
- February 14-15 Engaging ELLs in Science Cheyenne <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCIENCECheyenne>
- June 6-8 Facilitator's Retreat Laramie <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WIDARETREATLaramie>

ACCESS 2.0 Updates

- What's new with ACCESS 2.0 Flyer posted here: <http://www.wida.us/accessprep>
- **Important** webinar for districts testing just a few ELLs with ACCESS 2.0 online. A software overview and the Quick Start installation, also known as the All-in-One installation, of the TSM and the INSIGHT secure browser will be provided. DRC IT Staff will be available to answer questions.



January 19 1:00 - 2:00 pm CST

REGISTER NOW: PHASES I & II ASSESSMENT LITERACY AND FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT



The Wyoming Department of Education is pleased to provide Phase I & II in the Professional Development series provided by Jan Hoegh with Marzano Research, LLC. This two-day workshop is an integral part of Wyoming's Statewide System of Support. These trainings serve as foundational components within the comprehensive instructional framework that is further developed in Phase III -The Art and Science of Teaching.

Phase I & II participants will:

- Gain an awareness of the research regarding classroom assessment
- Understand the difference among obtrusive, unobtrusive, and student-generated assessments, and how to use each in the classroom.
- Learn data analysis practices related to classroom assessments.
- Learn attributes of high-quality performance tasks

Workshop Dates

- The Casper workshop is full.
- February 2-3, 2017: Riverton, Wyoming
- February 27-28, 2017: Cheyenne, Wyoming

PTSB/UW credit pending

[Register Here](#)

Exemption Requests For Spring 2017



Consistent with last year's practice, WDE will be accepting exemption requests in the following three categories:

- Students who are expelled (or suspended pending expulsion) but still receiving services from the district,
- Students who are served in out of state placements, and
- Students who are ELLs who have been in US schools for less than a year (students must participate in the ACCESS in order to receive the exemption, and they are still required to participate in math (and science, if applicable)

The updated WDE673 form can be found [here](#). To ensure confidentiality of these sensitive materials, the only method for submission of the WDE673 form and associated documentation is via the Wyoming Transcript Center. Faxes and mail are not acceptable methods of submission. Step-by-step instructions for the upload process can be found [here](#).

Exemption requests will be accepted and processed through the following dates:

- PAWS: March 17, 2017
- Wy-ALT: March 17, 2017
- ACT and Aspire: April 19, 2017

Additional 2017 Administration Materials are available [here](#).

2016-2017 Test Administration Helplines

Wyoming State Assessment Helplines 2015-16

Vendor	Phone Number	Email
ACT	1-800-553-6244 ext. 2800	http://www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html
ACT Accommodations	1-800-553-6244 ext. 1788	ACTStateAccoms@act.org
ACT Aspire	1-888-802-7502	ACTAspire_implementation@ACTAspire.org
ACT WorkKeys	1-800-967-5539	workkeys@act.org
ACT Compass	1-800-645-1992	http://www.act.org/compass/contact/index.html
ACCESS for ELLs	1-866-276-7735	help@wida.us
Wy-ALT (AIR)	1-888-897-8024	wyalthelpdesk@air.org
PAWS (ETS)	1-877-327-9415	Wyoming-support@ets.org
MAP (NWEA)	1-877-469-3287	https://www.nwea.org/contact-us/support/
NAEP	1-800-283-6237	naephelp@westat.com



Important Links

PAWS Links

- [PAWS/TOMS Portal](#)
- [PAWS Key Dates](#)
- [PAWS Administration Manuals](#)
- [Irregularity Report Form](#)
- [PAWS Allowable Resources](#)

Wy-ALT Links

- [Wy-ALT Portal](#)
- [Wy-ALT Student Participation Guidelines](#)
- [TIDE User Guide](#)

ACT Links

- [ACT Aspire Portal](#)
- [Aspire Checklist For Success](#)
- [Aspire Training Management System](#)
- [Aspire Avocet](#)
- [ACT Plus Writing Portal](#)
- [Using PANext](#)
- [ACT Plus Writing Portal Schedule of Events](#)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **January 9:** Wy-ALT - New Test Administrator Training - Powell
- **January 10:** Wy-ALT - New Test Administrator Training - Casper
- **January 11:** Wy-ALT - Refresher Test Administrator Training (2 sessions a.m. and p.m.) - Casper
- **January 13:** Wy-ALT New Test Administrator Training - Evanston
- **January 16:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - WDE Offices Closed
- **January 18:** Wy-ALT New Test Administrator Training (in person) - Cheyenne
- **January 19:** Wy-ALT Refresher Test Administrator Training (in person) - Cheyenne
- **January 24:** ACT Accommodations Q & A Webinar
- **January 24 - February 28:** ACCESS for ELLs Window Open
- **January 30-31:** Phase I and II - Assessment Literacy and Formative Assessment - Casper
- **January 30 - March 10:** NAEP Administration Window Open
- **January 31:** PAWS - Building Coordinator Training (in person) - Green River
- **February 2:** PAWS - Building Coordinator Training (in person) - Powell
- **February 2-3:** Phase I and II - Assessment Literacy and Formative Assessment - Riverton
- **February 8:** ACT Aspire Tech Readiness Webinar (3:00 pm)
- **February 9:** Wy-ALT Refresher Training Webinar
- **February 14:** ACT Aspire Tech Readiness Webinar (3:00 pm)
- **February 27-28:** Phase I and II - Assessment Literacy and Formative Assessment - Cheyenne
- **February 28 - March 24:** Wy-ALT Administration Window Open
- **March 6 - 24:** PAWS Administration Window Open
- **April 10 - May 3:** ACT Aspire Administration Window Open
- **April 19:** ACT Administration (paper/pencil)
- **April 19 - May 3:** ACT Administration Window Open (online)



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