



WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) Training

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



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Learn more about what joining the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment Consortium (WIDA) will mean for English language learners and ESL staff in Missouri.

This one-day workshop will provide an overview of the WIDA consortium, including a brief introduction to the following WIDA resources: the Performance Definitions for Levels of English Proficiency, the CAN-Do Descriptors, and the English Language Proficiency Standards.

The major focus of the workshop will be on administering the WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT), also known as “the screener.”

Districts must use the W-APT to determine the English language proficiency of language minority students or those whose first language is not English. Results of the W-APT will be used to determine eligibility for language instruction educational programs.

During the coming school year, districts will also be required to administer the W-APT to all ELLs. This will be necessary because the annual English language proficiency test – the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs-is a tiered test. The English language proficiency level derived from the W-APT will be used to determine the appropriate tier for each student.

The workshop will also include an explanation of the certification process to qualify to administer the W-APT.

It is recommended that participants bring their login/password information (provided by their district test coordinator) and a laptop with wireless capabilities to the training session in order to log on.

For additional information please contact Dr. Deborah Taylor at 816.271.5978.

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