ID State EL & Title III Program Updates – January 2017

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Archived Quarterly Call

If you were unable to attend the January 18th Quarterly Call from the Title III/EL/Migrant Department, click the following link to access the archived webinar and handout.

1/18/2017 Archived Quarterly Call

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Your Questions Answered ☺

(from quarterly call)

Q: When a student transfers from one school district to another before the testing window opens, what paperwork does the first district have to do, if any?

A: District where students are leaving--- the district testing coordinator can remove test session(s) from AMS. Then the receiving school can simply add them in, as long as the student has not started testing. Receiving school can call DRC or reference WIDA AMS User Guide for instructions on how to add students (page 69). Keep in mind if materials are needed, the receiving school will need to wait for the additional materials window to open to order these, but first please assess the overage received to see if the overage is sufficient to cover what is needed. If a student transfers districts once the assessment window opens, has started a test, and completed one or more domains, then a student transfer form available via DRC should be completed. For additional information about this process refer to WIDA AMS User Guide (page 80).

Q: What do we do with a test that was ordered for a student that should not have had a test ordered for them? For example there was a test for a student that is now a X1 status? Or whether they have moved to another district?

A: LEAs cannot omit students in WIDA AMS once they are there, but can remove from test session. **It is really important to leave students blank that should not test – please do not code or use do not score codes.** DRC will not report on students who did not take the test (not a penalty situation).

Do we inactivate a student that is duplicated in the AMS system?

A: DRC reports that it is possible to pull an incorrect entry out of test

Upcoming Training Dates

January 23
- Districts receive ACCESS 2.0 materials

January 30 – March 10
- ACCESS 2.0 Testing Window

February 2-3 IABE Conference (Boise Red Lion Downtowner)
- Register here

February 22-24 National Title I Conference (Long Beach, CA)

February 22-23 Nation Association for Bilingual Education Conference (Dallas, TX)

March 21-24 TESOL National Conference (Seattle, WA)

April 5-7 Federal Programs Conference – Imagine the Possibilities (Boise Center)
- Registration link coming soon

April 10-14 Post Legislative Tour

April – May CFSGA Tour
- Dates and locations coming soon

April 30 – May 3 National Migrant Conference (Orlando, FL)

SAVE THE DATE – Week of May 8-12 The SDE and WIDA will be hosting regional Screener Assessment. More details coming soon with specific location/time/date.

session (not off AMS entirely). Once a duplicate is pulled out of the test session, LEA can edit duplicate student on profile. DRC has recommended to change the name or state ID to denote it is a duplicate. Example: put "do not use" under name.

If removing Alt assessment students from the generic test session – do we code the students as deferred SpEd?
A: DRC recommended pulling the ALT assessment student out of test session from generic test session, and ensuring that the only test given/started for this student is the ALT assessment.
Do not put codes on the former generic test session because the student will show by EDU ID as taking the ALT. If you put do not score code of SPED, then it looks like a duplicate entry for one kiddo, and DRC won't know which is the preferred or 'counting' test. In summary, remove the name out of sessions when possible, and don't apply do not score codes… like #2 above, not putting anything down tells DRC the student didn't start the online assessment.

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WIDA

- www.wida.us (website)
- help@wida.us (email)
- **1-866-276-7735**

Contact for:
- WIDA secure site passwords and account information.
- WIDA website questions
- Testing Administrator training certification
- Viewing state resources, and state specific guidance as well as deadlines/dates

WIDA / DRC

- www.wida-ams.us (website)
- WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com (email)
- **1-855-787-9615**

Contact for:
- All WIDA AMS functionality, account setup, and forgotten passwords
- Materials receipt, inventory, and return
- Labeling of test booklets
- INSIGHT and Testing Site Manager (TSM) installation, functionality, and troubleshooting
- Processing paper test materials
- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 data and reporting