



## Monthly Happenings: October 2015

### Office of English Learning and Migrant Education

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#### WIDA ACCESS 2.0 SAMPLE items

Next year's version of ACCESS, which will be online for grades 1-12, is called ACCESS 2.0. Sample items for ACCESS 2.0 were highlighted in this recent [blog](#).

The US Department of Education's Office of English Language Acquisition EL [Tool Kit](#) is here!

The K-12 EL Leadership Group met in September to discuss the newly released toolkit. Take a look at the [first](#) and [second](#) chapters. Check back for more in the coming months, as we highlight all 10 chapters!

#### Key Take Aways from the EL Leadership Group:

##### Chapter 1:

- *The need for staff to be trained on identification of ELs*
- *Ensure staffing is adequate for all languages present.*

##### Chapter 2:

- *Our programs must be evaluated for success, provide high-quality PD, and ensure equal access for ELs.*

#### WIDA Can Do Descriptors Update

WIDA wants your expertise in to help inform the creation of the 2016 Can Do Descriptors. Visit WIDA's [website](#) for more information on how you can help.

#### In the News

Click [here](#) to read the Chalkbeat report about how districts are using funds to spur innovation to better meet the needs of their English Learners.

*Want to see your school or district's hard work showcased here? Tweet the news to @EducateIN using #IndianaEL*

#### Check out these great opportunities for professional development!

- **October 8, 2015** 5th Annual WVEC EL Conference; West Lafayette, IN. Click [HERE](#)
- **October 15-17, 2015** WIDA National Conference; Las Vegas, NV. Click [HERE](#).
- **November 14, 2015** INTESOL 2015 Conference; Indianapolis, IN. Click [HERE](#).

## Welcome!



Cole Dietrich has joined the Office of English Learning and Migrant Education in the role of English Learner Specialist. Cole earned his BA in Spanish and International Studies from Indiana University, Bloomington and his MAT from Marian University. He previously worked as a K-8 Spanish Teacher and K-8 EL Director in Indianapolis.

#### WIDA/LAS Links Bridge Study

Initial work is complete on the bridge study, and we are gearing up to complete a thorough data analysis. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to be involved in the conversation as we move forward in resetting targets for progress and proficiency.

#### ESEA Waiver Update

A copy of Indiana's approved ESEA Flexibility Waiver can be found at [www.doe.in.gov/esea](http://www.doe.in.gov/esea). Information about subgroup performance expectations, including that of English learners, can be found starting on page 246.

#### Grant Reminders

Program administrators for Title III and NESP are reminded of the following dates:  
NESP FY2015:

**Request by:** June 1, 2016

**Encumber by:** September 30, 2016

**Liquidate by:** December 15, 2016

Title III FY2014:

**Encumber by:** September 30, 2016

**Liquidate by:** December 15, 2016

Title III FY2015:

**Encumber by:** September 30, 2017

**Liquidate by:** December 15, 2017

#### Important Data Collection Dates

**DOE-TL** (Testing Label) Opened Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. LEP now reported as YES/NO only.

**DOE-LM** (Language minority) Will open Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. [Click here](#) to view the LM layout.

#### HLS Amendment Form Deadline

In order to ensure timely review for DOE-LM submission, **all** HLS Amendment forms must be received by **Friday, October 23, 2015.**