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WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Testing

Updates:

As of January 15th nearly 29,580 tests had been completed across Indiana. This is a huge success that is due, in no small part, to the efforts of each of you in the field. Thank you for your hard work!

WIDA AMS and Insight FAQ

available:

From the home page of your WIDA AMS account, navigate to **General Information- Training Materials**. Select **FAQs** from **Document Type**, then click **Show Documents**. There you will find the **WIDA AMS** and **INSIGHT FAQs**.

WIDA AMS/ DRC customer

service:

DRC is taking measures to improve wait time for calls to customer support. In an effort to streamline the customer service call process, please be sure to check all guidance and manuals to ensure your question is not answered there. This will help ensure phones are available for emergency assistance.

Email: WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com

Phone: 1-855-787-9615

ACCESS 2.0 Scheduling tip:

Please be mindful of the fact that a specific domain is not to be tested over multiple days. Schedule carefully to avoid running out of time at the end of the day when testing ACCESS.

WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Testing Window Reminder

Remember: The WIDA ACCESS 2.0 testing window opens January 11th, 2016 and closes February 26th, 2016.

Welcome!



Olga Tuchman moved to the U.S. from Russia where she taught foreign languages to different populations of children and adults in schools and universities. Olga came to the U.S. with her husband and two children who reached proficiency and graduated from college.

Olga has been with the IDOE for 12 years providing technical assistance and professional development to Indiana school districts on the best ways to educate their English learners. She also conducts Title III grant monitoring through Desktop and on-site monitoring and oversees education of Indiana refugee students with limited schooling.



Jill Woerner, graduate of both Purdue University and Anderson University, has served Indiana students as an award-winning Spanish teacher and school administrator for more than 13 years. Jill has been highly involved in conference planning and international exchanges and she has experience with ENL programming and instruction as well. She is dedicated to bringing relevant, globally-focused pedagogy to teachers around the state.

Important Data Collection Dates

DOE-LM (Language minority) Deadline has been **extended until January 22, 2016**. [Click here](#) to view the LM layout for notes and guidance on this data submission. Known issues regarding FNA and NES have been resolved. FEP students are also to be included in the LM Collection.

WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Writing Test Clarification

- Grades 1-3: Writing prompts AND responses will be in the students' testing booklets.
- Grades 4-5: Writing prompts will be online and students will respond in the booklets.