

## 2018 Teacher-Led Tryouts for New ACCESS 2.0 Writing Test Tasks

May 10–23, 2018

The Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) is pleased to announce an upcoming opportunity for teachers and students to contribute to new ACCESS 2.0 test tasks. We are seeking your help recruiting sites for this critical test development research, and we very much appreciate your continued support!

### Purpose

The purpose of Tryouts is to ensure that ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing tasks are accessible to students at the targeted proficiency levels.

### Who

- Teachers who work with English language learners in Grades 1–12, at all proficiency levels (1–6), including students who have recently been exited from ELL support services.
- ELL students who are identified by the school and receive parental consent. Parental consent is required for participation.

### What

#### *Teachers will...*

- Complete a Non-Disclosure Agreement and consent form
- Identify at least 10 students eligible to participate in the Tryouts
- Distribute and collect parental permission forms from students
  - Please collect a minimum of 6 parental permission forms per writing task to participate in this activity.
  - Email the parental permission forms to CAL prior to administering writing tasks.
- Administer writing tasks to students with parental permission (about 60 minutes total, scheduled as convenient within the Tryouts window, **May 10–23, 2018**)
- Complete an online survey about the writing tasks (about 30 minutes)
- Return all Tryouts materials, including student responses, to CAL
- Receive a **\$100 Amazon gift card** for school supplies upon completion of all activities

#### *Students will...*

- Complete one Writing task (about 20 minutes)
  - Students in Grades 1–3 will view and respond to a writing task in a printed booklet.
  - Students in Grades 4–12 will view a writing task on a computer and respond in a printed booklet.

#### *CAL staff will...*

- Provide instructions for all aspects of the Tryouts, including accessing test items using Google Chrome
- Provide all printed materials, including student booklets
- Provide a pre-paid FedEx label for return of materials

### Next Steps

If you are interested in participating in the Teacher-Led Tryouts, please complete a Tryouts application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X2WG8P2>. For best consideration, complete an application by **March 15, 2018**.

You will be asked to provide:

- Your name, job title, school name, school district name, and state
- The number of potential student participants at each grade cluster and proficiency range (levels 1–3, levels 4–6, and those recently exited from ELL services)

**Thank you for your interest in this research activity!**