

# New to WIDA?

Congratulations for taking your first step toward learning about WIDA!  
This short guide will help point you in the right direction to everything you need.

## What do You Want to Learn? See the information on the next page

- I'm just curious about the WIDA tests.
- I am going to administer the WIDA tests.
- I am going to coordinate the testing and possibly administer the WIDA tests myself.



## I'm Just Curious

Take a look at the [Understanding the WIDA Assessments](#) chapter of the Assessment Coordinator Training Guide. You can also go to the WIDA organization's website

at <https://wida.wisc.edu/> for information about standards, the assessments, and other parent/student resources designed for english learners.

## Administering the Test

If you're administering the tests for the first time:

1. Identify your district's English Learner (EL) Assessment Coordinator. If you don't know who this is, ask your building or district administrators. Someone must be identified in this role at the district level. The identified person may turn out to be you, but you need to ask the question and determine this at the local level.
2. Download and read the [Understanding the WIDA Assessments](#) chapter of the Assessment Coordinator Training Guide.
3. If you're administering the test, work with your District EL Assessment Coordinator to determine your training needs. Your District EL Assessment Coordinator will know the state's requirements and know how to get you set up with all the appropriate accounts you may need.

## Coordinating the Test

If you've been identified to coordinate the WIDA assessments in your district, and possibly administer them, start by downloading and reading the sections (or chapters) of the Assessment Coordinator Training Guide (ACTG) in the order shown below, along with other resources available at [www.michigan.gov/wida](http://www.michigan.gov/wida):

- [WIDA ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Assessment Preparation](#)
  - [WIDA ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Assessment Administration](#)
  - [Overview of Test Security](#)
  - [Appropriate Practices for Test Security](#)
  - [Incident Reporting](#)
  - Chapters pertaining to ACTG section #7: Post-Administration Tasks and Reports
  - Chapters pertaining to ACTG section #8: Data and Reporting
  - Other chapters as you have time. The Assessment Coordinator Training Guide contains a lot of really great information, so take some time to get to know it!
- [Understanding the WIDA Assessments](#)
  - [Michigan Guide to the WIDA Screener](#)
  - [WIDA Secure Portal](#)
  - [WIDA AMS](#)
  - [OEAA Secure Site](#)
  - [WIDA Screener Preparation and Administration](#)