

Spring 2021 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

Incident Reporting (IR) Guide

If any testing irregularities occur before, during, or after testing, the Building or District WIDA Coordinator must report them to the Office of Educational Assessment & Accountability as soon as possible. This table identifies the incident categories and sub-categories that are used in the Secure Site Incident Reporting tool and sample scenarios for each category or sub-category.

You will find detailed information on how to access and use the Secure Site Incident Reporting tool [here](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Incident_Reporting_520328_7.pdf) (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Incident_Reporting_520328_7.pdf).

| Incident Category: Test Not Completed | | | | |
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| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
| Test Submitted prior to completion | Student accidentally ends/submits test without answering all questions. | Contact the Call center at 1-877-560-8378, Option 5. If more than 5 questions have been answered, an Incident Report is Required. | N/A | Required if more than 5 item responses |

| Incident Category: Test Accommodation/Designated Support Issue | | | | |
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| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
| Designated Support/Required Accommodation not provided | Student is not provided appropriate accommodations. | Test misadministration. New test with appropriate accommodation may be administered with notification to and approval of parents or guardians. | Test misadministration. Student re-test with appropriate accommodation may be administered with notification to and approval of parents or guardians. | Required for both Online and Paper/Pencil |

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| | | | Original answer document must be identified with the Do Not Score label and returned per WIDA’s return instructions. | |
| Nonstandard Designated Support/Accommodation provided | Nonstandard Accommodation provided. See the WIDA Accessibility and Accommodations Supplement for information on allowable supports. | <p>Mark the student’s test as Do Not Score in WIDA AMS. The student’s test is invalidated.</p> <p>Inform the parent or guardian. Perform an internal investigation as needed and keep the resulting documentation on file as Nonstandard Accommodations may be appealed during the Answer Document Verification window.</p> | <p>Mark the student’s test with the INV code on the answer document and return with scorable materials. The student’s test is invalidated.</p> <p>Inform the parent or guardian</p> <p>Perform an internal investigation as needed and keep the resulting documentation on file as Nonstandard Accommodations may be appealed during the Answer Document Verification window.</p> | Required for both Online and Paper/Pencil |

Incident Category: Misadministration

| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
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| Wrong test administered | Student is administered the incorrect test (for example, an incorrect paper/pencil Tier was provided, the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs was given instead of the WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, etc.). | <p>Inform parents or guardians.</p> <p>Students must be assigned to the correct test in the Secure Site and the appropriate test must be given.</p> <p>Submit an Incident Report.</p> | <p>Mark the answer document with a “Do Not Score” label and return per WIDA’s return instructions.</p> <p>Inform parents or guardians.</p> <p>Student must be given the correct test – material orders can be placed through WIDA AMS.</p> | Required for both Online and Paper/Pencil |
| Wrong test ticket used | Student is issued wrong test ticket and begins the test. | <p>Stop the test as soon as error is identified</p> <p>Pause and Exit the test (do not End the test)</p> <p>Submit an Incident Report</p> | N/A | Online: Incident Report Required |

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| Wrong answer doc used | Student uses wrong answer document when testing. | N/A | Mark the answer document(s) with a “Do Not Score” label and return per WIDA’s material return instructions. Submit an Incident Report. | Online: May be required if utilizing paper Writing response booklets Paper/Pencil: Incident Report Required |
| Other | Other misadministration not previously listed. | Varies | Varies | Required for both Online and Paper/Pencil |

Incident Category: Building Emergency

| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
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| Building Emergency | Building emergency occurs during the test and requires student to leave the room or otherwise interrupts testing. | Address the building emergency. Submit an Incident Report. | Address the building emergency – secure test materials as appropriate/possible. Submit an Incident Report. | Required for both Online and Paper/Pencil |

Incident Category: Prohibited Behavior

| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
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| Electronics/Social Media | Taking photos of test items, use of social media during testing. | <p>Mark the student’s test as Do Not Score in WIDA AMS. The student’s test is invalidated.</p> <p>Inform parents or guardians.</p> <p>Perform internal investigation as needed and keep resulting documentation on file as Prohibited Behaviors may be appealed during the Answer Document Verification window.</p> <p>Submit an Incident Report.</p> | <p>Mark the student’s test as INV on the answer document. The student’s test is invalidated.</p> <p>Inform parents or guardians.</p> <p>Perform internal investigation as needed and keep resulting documentation on file as Prohibited Behaviors may be appealed during the Answer Document Verification window.</p> <p>Submit an Incident Report.</p> | <p>Required for both Online and Paper/Pencil</p> |
| Other | <p>Disruptive behaviors impacting testing session/completion; cheating</p> <p>NOTE: The use of non-permitted tools results in test invalidation. The best way to avoid this is to make these tools available only during the permitted sections of the test.</p> | <p>Disruptive students must be removed from the testing room.</p> <p>Students caught cheating must stop testing immediately.</p> <p>Mark the student’s test as Do Not Score in WIDA AMS. The student’s test is invalidated.</p> <p>Inform parents or guardians.</p> <p>Perform internal investigation as needed and keep resulting documentation on file as Prohibited Behaviors may be appealed during the Answer Document Verification window.</p> <p>Submit an Incident Report.</p> | <p>Disruptive students must be removed from the testing room.</p> <p>Students caught cheating must stop testing immediately.</p> <p>Mark the student’s test as INV on the answer document. The student’s test is invalidated.</p> <p>Inform parents or guardians.</p> <p>Perform internal investigation as needed and keep resulting documentation on file as Prohibited Behaviors may be appealed during the Answer Document Verification window.</p> <p>Submit an Incident Report.</p> | <p>Required for both Online and Paper/Pencil</p> |

Incident Category: Technical Problems with Online Testing

| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
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| Repeated disconnections | Student(s) has repeated disconnections during testing session. | <p>Contact local tech support.</p> <p>Tech support can contact DRC Customer Support if they need additional help to resolve the matter.</p> <p>Submit an Incident Report.</p> | N/A | Optional |
| INSIGHT freezing, crashing, or not advancing | INSIGHT stops working and the student(s) cannot continue testing. | <p>Contact local tech support.</p> <p>Tech support can contact DRC Customer Support if they need additional help to resolve the matter.</p> <p>Submit an Incident Report.</p> | N/A | Optional |
| TSM error | TSM Connection Error – Could Not Register TSM. | <p>Contact local tech support.</p> <p>Tech support can contact DRC Customer Support if they need additional help to resolve the matter.</p> <p>Submit an Incident Report.</p> | N/A | Optional |
| Item functionality | An item on the test is not functioning as expected. For example, the student believes the correct answer cannot be selected. | <p>Instruct the student to answer as best they are able.</p> <p>Submit an Incident Report with the test domain, question number, and computer used for testing (Windows PC, Mac, iPad, Chromebook).</p> | N/A | Optional |

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| Hardware failure | Power outage, Internet connection interrupted through local error, stolen computers. | If the problem is with just one computer, please move the student to another computer and resume testing. If the problem will be resolved in sufficient time to complete testing (restore power or internet connection), please continue testing another time or day. If online testing becomes impossible, please file an Incident Report. | N/A | Online: Required IF it is necessary to move to paper forms; otherwise optional |
| Other | Use this category if your technical problem does not conform to the listed technical issues. | Please contact your local IT staff, or, if further support is required, contact DRC Customer Support. | N/A | Optional |

Incident Category: Materials

| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
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| Answer document transcription required/suggested | Students write in the wrong section of an assessment; wrong answer document used; a writing utensil other than a number 2 pencil is used on an answer document. | N/A | <p>Student must transcribe all responses exactly as recorded from the original answer document to a fresh answer document in a one-on-one proctored section.</p> <p>Bubble in all required information on the new answer document and return with the scorable materials.</p> <p>Original answer document must be marked with a Do Not Score label and returned per WIDA’s material return instructions.</p> | Paper/Pencil: Incident Report Required |

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| Damaged, defective, or lost | Answer Document becomes damaged in such a way that will impact scanning – ripped, torn, etc.: is defective upon arrival, or is lost during test administration. | N/A | Please call 1-877-560-8378, Option 5 for instructions on materials handling | Paper/Pencil: Incident Report Required |
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| Incident Category: Other | | | | |
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| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
| Other | Use this category only if an incident occurs that does not fit into the listed categories. | Varies | Varies | Optional |

| Incident Category: Student not administered W-APT before testing | | | | |
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| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
| Student not administered W-APT before testing | Federal and state requirements dictate that students must be screened first to determine eligibility for English Learner (EL) services. The summative WIDA assessment is an assessment ONLY for those students who have been identified as EL. | The student should be administered the W-APT. Then a determination for eligibility should be made using MI’s Entrance & Exit Protocol. W-APT scores must be entered into the Secure Site regardless of whether or not the student will be identified as EL or not. If the student is found to be eligible for services, the student must be identified as receiving EL services in MSDS by the identified spring date for the summative WIDA ACCESS for ELLs test scores to be valid. If the student is NOT found to be eligible, no additional action is required on the part of the district however districts should ensure that these students are NOT identified in MSDS as receiving EL services. | The student should be administered the W-APT. Then a determination for eligibility should be made using MI’s Entrance & Exit Protocol. W-APT scores must be entered into the Secure Site regardless of whether or not the student will be identified as EL or not. If the student is found to be eligible for services, the student must be identified as receiving EL services in MSDS by the identified spring date for the summative WIDA ACCESS for ELLs test scores to be valid. If the student is NOT found to be eligible, no additional action is required on the part of the district however districts should ensure that these students are NOT identified in MSDS as receiving EL services. | Incident Report Required |

Incident Category: Mixed Testing modes

| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
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| Mixed testing modes | Student completes one or more domains but district attempts to complete testing on paper/pencil or online inappropriately (example: Listening and Reading completed online, but paper/pencil Speaking and Writing given) | Students may only test cross-mode (online and paper/pencil) in the following scenarios: Students in grades 1-3 who are testing online have a default mode of testing in the Writing mode via paper/pencil, Students in grades 4-12 who are testing online may take the Writing domain via paper/pencil only if they are a recently arrived student (12 months or less in U.S. schools) or if an IEP/504 plan necessitates specific accommodations requiring the paper/pencil option. Districts may be directed to complete testing online and place a do not score label on the used paper/pencil materials. | Students who begin testing on paper/pencil cannot switch to the online testing mode. If this occurs, one of the assessments (online or paper/pencil) will be invalidated. | Incident Report Required |

Incident Category: COVID-Related

| Incident Sub-Category | Scenario | Response for Online Testers | Response for Paper/Pencil Testers | IR Required/Optional |
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| COVID-Related | Any COVID-Related issue that does not conform to any other incident category. | Varies. | Varies. | Optional |

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| | <p>Do not use this Incident Report category for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To identify schools within a district that are unable to test due to a COVID-related closure. Submit these on the School Closings page.• To identify students whose parents have refused testing for a COVID-related reason.• To identify students who may have been absent/out sick because of a COVID-related illness. Submit these during the Accountable Students window. | | | |
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