

## Assessment & Accountability Announcements - Week of February 10, 2014

There are **SIX IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: **1)** Spring 14 MI-Access Functional Independence Social Studies Pilot Test – Registration Closing; **2)** Kindergarten Entry Assessment Fall 2014 Field Test; **3)** WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Field Test Opportunity and New Incentives; **4)** WIDA Materials for Private Non-Public Schools; **5)** WIDA Language Codes for Box 6 on Student Test Booklets; and, **6)** WIDA Additional Material Orders

### 1) Spring 14 MI-Access Functional Independence Social Studies Pilot Test – Registration Closing!!

There is still time to register for the Spring 14 MI-Access Functional Independence Social Studies Online Pilot Test

- Open to any student that is assessed using MI-Access Functional Independence in grades 5, 8 or 11
- Based on the EGLCEs and EHSCEs released in 2013
- Will be completely online
- Testing Window: April, 2014 (open entire month)
- Online tools training and administrative functions to open beginning of March, 2014
- Registration window closes February 21, 2014

To sign Up: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MI-Access\\_FI\\_SS\\_District\\_Registration](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MI-Access_FI_SS_District_Registration)

If you need additional time to register or have questions, please email: [JaquithJ@michigan.gov](mailto:JaquithJ@michigan.gov)

### 2) Kindergarten Entry Assessment Fall 2014 Field Test

Michigan Department of Education's Division of Accountability Services (DAS) is looking for teachers to participate in the Fall 2014 Field Test of the Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA). Michigan is using the Teaching Strategies GOLD online assessment for its KEA. For more information about Teaching Strategies GOLD online, visit their website at <http://www.teachingstrategies.com/page/GOLD-assessment-online.cfm>. Participating teachers will receive two days of web-based, online professional development prior to the assessment window. Teachers can earn 12 SCECHs for participating in the professional development. The test window is September 2 to October 31, 2014. Teachers must be registered and trained prior to the test window.

Please visit the KEA webpage, [www.michigan.gov/kea](http://www.michigan.gov/kea), for more information about the KEA, to learn more about its many benefits, and to sign up for the fall field test.

### 3) WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Field Test Opportunity and New Incentives

Districts who are interested in field testing the ACCESS 2.0, the online assessment which will replace the WIDA ACCESS, have the following new incentive opportunity:

- WIDA will pay for substitutes (maximum amount to be discussed with WIDA, dependent on number of students participating) to help offset the cost of having regular classroom teachers administering the ACCESS 2.0 field test.

Districts participating in this opportunity are also eligible for the TRIG grant. Additional information about TRIG can be found on the [TRIG website](#). Please contact Jennifer Paul at [paulj@michigan.gov](mailto:paulj@michigan.gov) for more information about this field test opportunity.

### 4) WIDA Materials for Private Non-Public Schools

Districts may have received WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs testing materials for students who attend private non-public schools. Under Title III rules, districts are obligated to annually meet with

private non-public schools and offer language services to students who may be eligible. As a part of this conversation, summative English language proficiency assessments should have been discussed as well. Please contact your Title III and EL testing coordinator to determine what your assessment processes are for your district. Please contact the Office of Field Services at 517-373-6066 for questions regarding offering services to private-non-public students.

### 5) WIDA Language Codes for Box 6 on Student Test Booklets

Please use the codes below to indicate students' primary language on test booklets that did not come pre-labeled.

Language Name	LanguageCode
Albanian	1
Arabic	2
Bengali	3
Chaldean	4
Chinese	5
English	6
Hmong	7
Japanese	8
Other	9
Serbo-Croatian	10
Spanish	11
Vietnamese	12

### 6) WIDA Additional Material Orders

Additional materials can be placed through MetriTech. You should have received instructions in your initial material order shipment on ordering procedures. Please note that additional material orders should only be placed for the following scenarios:

- You have a newly enrolled student(s) (after January 14) and you do not have sufficient material coverage in order to test the student(s).
- You have a student whose IEP team has decided that the WIDA Alternate ACCESS is the appropriate assessment but you only have the general WIDA ACCESS for ELLs materials.

You have a student for whom you had ordered the WIDA Alternate ACCESS whose IEP team has now determined that the general WIDA ACCESS for ELLs is appropriate but you do not have sufficient material coverage in order to test the student.

### Have Other Questions?

For assessment questions, please email [BAA@michigan.gov](mailto:BAA@michigan.gov).

For accountability questions, please email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov).

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.