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TEST SHIPPING AND LOGISTICAL QUESTIONS

I don't have a barcode label for a student; is every line on the back of the booklet (Student ID, # of years req., etc...) required to be filled out?

If there is no barcode label, bubble in only the student's name grid on the front page and the state student ID number on the back page. It is a nine digit number and should be bubbled left to right. The remaining information is captured in AIM.

Where do I find the length of time a student has been enrolled in ELP? This and other grids on the last page of the test book do not need to be completed as the information is already included in AIM via the state student ID. The state student ID is either on the barcode label or, absent a barcode label, needs to be obtained from AIM and bubbled into the state student ID grid on the back cover of the test book.

I have a newly-arrived LEP student who was not included on the list for testing. How do I get a booklet and label for this student?

You can order booklets by emailing wida@metritech.com or calling 800-747-4868. In lieu of a label, you must contact AIM to get the state student ID for that student. Once you have the test booklet, bubble in only the student's name on the front page and the state student ID number on the back page. Lynn Hinch, OPI Assistant Division Administrator & Bilingual Specialist, can advise you about what tier to order (406-444-3482, lhinch@mt.gov).

What do I do with a test booklet for a student who is no longer enrolled? How do I indicate that the particular student is no longer enrolled?

For students who are no longer enrolled, schools may destroy the label if it hasn't been affixed to testing materials. If it has been affixed, put an X across the label, write "No longer enrolled," or "No longer LEP" and follow the return directions for unused and non-score-able test materials on page 14 of the Test Admin manual. All materials are returned to MetriTech, nothing to OPI.

What are the exit criteria for students identified as LEP?

Students must meet the criteria as set by the state. In order to determine when LEP students become proficient, systems will take into account the following:

- At a minimum, an overall score of 5.0 along with a rating of 4.0 in literacy (reading & writing) on the ACCESS English Language Proficiency Assessment; and
- Input from additional measures of reading, writing or language development available from school assessments.

What will the schools receive as far as results are concerned on the WIDA test?

Five different ACCESS for ELLs score reports are provided to systems: Parent/Guardian Report, Teacher Report, Student Roster Report, School Frequency Report, and the District Frequency Report. For detailed information on how to interpret and apply ACCESS for ELLs scores and proficiency levels, download the Interpretive Guide for Score Reports at <http://wida.us/assessment/ACCESS/#scores>.

How can the ACCESS for ELLs test scores inform instruction and instructional placement?

The ACCESS for ELLs helps to determine the student's proficiency level in an attempt to establish the types of instructional interventions and classroom testing accommodations that are best for the individual student. See the ACCESS for ELLs Interpretive Guide for Score Reports on the WIDA Consortium website at www.wida.us.

ACCESS for ELLs and W-APT test scores can also be used to reference WIDA's Can-Do Descriptors and English Language Proficiency Standards. Please contact the OPI Assessment Specialist at 406-444-0748 for these helpful resources if you don't have them.

Do I need to order score reports for my school?

The Office of Public Instruction will order all score reports for all school systems in Montana. They will be sent directly from MetriTech to your school system.

When will we receive our score reports?

Score reports will ship to school systems from MetriTech in early April 2013.

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