Gearing Up for Winter Activities
December MontCAS Webinar

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Zoom Meeting Features
Session Objectives

• Review the fundamentals of administering ACCESS for ELLs 2.0.
• Discuss local monitoring strategies to ensure test validity and the safety of students and staff.
• Learn about what to expect at this year’s virtual ASSIST Conference.
• Updates and deadlines for other assessments.
ACCESS for ELLs testing has begun!

The window has also been extended:
December 2, 2020 through February 26, 2021
Test Administration

- TAs must be licensed educators or have been approved through the Exemption to Administer Form (MontCAS Test Security Manual, pg. 15).
- STCs: Remember to assign appropriate permissions to TAs and BCs.
- TAs must complete the relevant training modules for the assessments that they administer.
The **WIDA Secure Portal** contains all of the training modules for the different WIDA assessments.
### WIDA User Account Management & Training Status Lookup

#### Training Display Group
- **ACCESS**: 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021
- **From**: 7/1/2020
- **To**: 6/30/2021
- **All**

#### Training Status
- **All**

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<th>District or School</th>
<th>Kindergarten Quiz</th>
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**Putting Montana Students First**
WIDA AMS (Assessment Management System) is the online portal for:

- Student management (e.g. accommodations)
- Test session management
- Testing software downloads
- Materials ordering
- Score reports
Technology Coordinators:
Check the WIDA Secure Portal Download Library for testing software installation manuals.
Software Setup Tip:
Remember to write down your Org Unit ID before starting up the DRC software! You cannot toggle between windows while it’s running.
Managing Test Sessions

Test Sessions allow the user to search/view existing test sessions for a specific district or school. The user can test tickets or view the status of the test session.

Instructions
- Indicates required fields

Administrations
- Screener Montana - 2020

District
- DRC Use Only - Sample D

School
- (All)

State Student ID

Last Name

First Name

Session

Domain

Assessment
- Screener
- (All)

Show Sessions

Print All Tickets

Sessions

Status Summary

Instructions

Session Detail

Select

District

School

Session Name

Assessment

Status

Begin Date

End Date

Action
### Test Session Status

**Session Summary**

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**Student Summary**

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**Student Summary by Test Session**

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First-time STC? Been a while since you administered ACCESS for ELLs?

There’s a new local monitoring checklist for quality assurance!
2021 ASSIST Conference

January 28 & 29, 2021
Hosted virtually over Zoom

Registration closes on January 6, 2021
What can you expect?

- Informative sessions on:
  - how to administer and monitor assessments.
  - understanding and engaging with testing data.
  - using data to inform instruction and respond to local needs.
NAEP Update

- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
  - 121 Montana Schools Selected

- NAEP 2021 Postponed
  - 34% of NAEP-Selected Schools are remote/hybrid-instruction
  - 61% will not allow visitors
  - Inability to collect and report NAEP data
    - National Assessment Governing Board’s Press Release

- NAEP 2022
  - 2021-22 School Year
Test Security Deadlines

**December 1:** STC MontCAS Registration

**December 2:** STC Affirmation of School System Testing Security and Testing Plans

**January 4 (or before first scheduled test):** STC Affirmation of Testing Security

Link to MontCAS Application

Link to Test Security Collection Schedule
Fall ACT scores are available

Success.act.org
  - Access to the ACT Test Accessibility & Accommodations site
  - Access to Online Score Reporting

Student Data Upload (SDU)

Requests for Accommodations/Supports
  - Can be submitted prior to the SDU
  - Submit early!
Science Updates

• Waiver Extension Requested for 2021 Science Assessment
  – 11.13.20 | Superintendent Arntzen Field Test Waiver Extension Request

• What it is?
  – In the 19-20 school year, the OPI was granted an independent field test waiver for science.
  – This waiver requires census participation from all schools.
  – This waiver removes the accountability and reporting requirements only.

• What it isn’t?
  – Schools must still participate but performance will not be included in the accountability or reporting systems.

• What is the status of our request?
  – We have not yet heard back from the US Department of Education
MSAA Updates

Resources:

MSAA Sample Items

Use the "Actions" dropdown in the table below.

DTA Download:
- Sample Items' DTAs

Teacher Guides Download:
The Sample Items Teacher Guides can help you respond to this information through instruction.
- Sample Items' Teacher Guides

Multi-State Alternate Assessment

WELCOME TO MSAA
Help Desk Contacts

**ACCESS for ELLs**
- WIDA AMS (DRC) site
  - 1-855-787-9615
  - wida@datarecognitioncorp.com
- WIDA Secure Portal
  - 1-866-276-7735
  - help@wida.us

**Smarter Balanced, Montana Science and Alternate Montana Science Assessment**
- Montana Testing Portal Montana Help Desk
  - 1-877-365-7915
  - mthelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com

**MSAA – Multi State Alternate Assessment**
- MSAA Service Center
  - 1-866-834-8879
  - MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org

**ACT with Writing**
- PA Next and ACT State and District Testing Montana Page
  - 1-800-553-6244, ext. 2800 (general)
  - 1-800-553-6244, ext. 1788 (accommodations)
  - ACTStateAccoms@act.org (accommodations)
Questions?

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