To: Indiana State Board of Education

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Subject: 2024-2025 WIDA Assessment Guidance

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) annually reviews assessment guidance. Updates to guidance occur due to WIDA updates, changes in state or federal English Learner programming requirements or guidance, updates to the assessments or accommodations, and additional support needed based on review of the previous assessment administration. Members of the Office of Student Assessment and the Office of English Learners and Migrant Education participate in WIDA subcommittees and collaborate with other state education agencies.

IDOE is requesting State Board approval of the 2024-2025 WIDA Assessment Guidance. Specific changes from prior guidance are noted below. A more detailed Change Log can be found on page 33 of the WIDA Assessment Guidance.

Topic	Section	Page	Description
English Learner (EL) Identification and Placement	Indiana EL Entrance and Exit Criteria	6-7	Updated EL identification and placement timeline for potential ELs who enroll later in the school year and notification requirements.
Revised Exit Criteria	Indiana EL Entrance and Exit Criteria	8	Updated the Specific Exit Criteria subsection with information regarding Indiana's revised exit criteria information, including the addition of Table 2.
Participation Requirements	Non-Participation of ELs in WIDA ACCESS Testing	9-10	Added section regarding ELs who do not participate in WIDA ACCESS testing, as federally required.
Translated Test Administrator (TA) Scripts	Translation of Directions in Native Language	12	Replaced information regarding Indiana's former Spanish-translated TA Script with information regarding translated TA Scripts published by WIDA.
Testing Issues and Irregularities	Appendix C	31	Added "Online Writing test not submitted" to the Common Testing Issues and Irregularities section.

WIDA Monthly Office Hours	Appendix D	32	Updated the WIDA Monthly Office Hours schedule and added Microsoft Teams links