

ACCESS Testing for English Learners (ELs): 2017-18 SY

ACCESS for English Learners (ELs) is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment for students who have been identified as English Learners (ELs). It is a **federally mandated assessment** that evaluates EL students in four language domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. ***Every EL student must take ACCESS.***

Every school must identify an ACCESS Test Coordinator to oversee all ACCESS testing activities.

All security measures applicable to PSSA/Keystone must also be applied to ACCESS testing.

Testing Format—Paper/Pencil & Online

The ACCESS test is now available in two formats—online and paper/pencil. Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requires all schools to use the online format. However, Philadelphia has been given three years to transition to the online format district-wide. As such, for the 2017-18 school year, 50 schools have been selected to administer the online ACCESS test. All other schools will continue with the paper/pencil ACCESS test. ***The list of schools selected to administer online ACCESS is included at end of this document***

Important Dates

11/2/2017 – 12/1/2017	Test Materials Ordering Available in AMS <i>*ACCESS Test Coordinator @ each school orders materials via WIDA AMS (Online & Paper/Pencil)</i>
12/26/2017 – 3/2/2018	<i>WIDA AMS Test Setup Available for Test Sessions (Online Schools Only)</i>
1/4/2018	Deadline for All Test Administrators to Pass WIDA Quizzes for Certification (Online & Paper/Pencil)
1/9/2018	Materials Delivered to Schools (Online & Paper/Pencil)
1/9/2018	Additional Test Materials Ordering Window <i>*ACCESS Test Coordinator @ each school orders via WIDA AMS (Online & Paper/Pencil)</i>
1/22/2018 – 2/23/2018	Test Window (Online & Paper/Pencil)
3/16/2018	Deadline for Shipping Completed Test Materials to DRC <i>*ACCESS Test Coordinator @ each school is responsible for packing and shipping materials (Online & Paper/Pencil)</i>

Required Actions

Test Coordinators and Test Administrators must be certified through WIDA US to administer the ACCESS assessment(s). Online WIDA trainings & quizzes must be completed each academic year. Training modules & quizzes completed on or after June 1, 2017 will count for the 2017-2018 academic year.

****ALL Test Coordinators and Test Administrators must be certified and complete all required WIDA quizzes by January 4, 2018.***

If you do not have a WIDA user-name or password, please email: assessment@philasd.org

(Please see next page for information about upcoming trainings)

Upcoming Trainings

* SDP trainings are ***mandatory*** for **new** test administrators (first-time test administrators) only. Trainings are ***optional*** for teachers who have administered ACCESS before and already received training. Participants should register on PD Planner on SchoolNet.

Date	Professional Development	Start Time	End Time	Location
12/12/2017	ACCESS Kindergarten	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	440 Education Center- Auditorium
12/12/2017	Online ACCESS-- Test Coordinators and TTLs (Online Schools Only)	12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	440 Education Center- Auditorium
12/13/2017	ACCESS Paper/ Pencil Grades: 1-12	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	High School of the Future- Auditorium
12/13/2017	ACCESS Alternate	12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	High School of the Future- Auditorium
12/19/2017	ACCESS Kindergarten	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	South Philadelphia High School
12/19/2017	ACCESS Paper/ Pencil Grades: 1-12	12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	South Philadelphia High School
12/20/2017	ACCESS Online: 1-12	9:00 am	12:00 p.m.	440 Education Center- Auditorium
12/20/2017	ACCESS Alternate	12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	440 Education Center- Auditorium

ACCESS and Benchmark 2 Assessments

For the 2017 - 2018 school year, students are exempt from Benchmark 2 (the Benchmark scheduled for January 29, 2018- February 13, 2018) if they are taking ACCESS.

ACCESS 2.0 Resources

The District and School Test Coordinator Manual, Test Administrator Manual, WIDA AMS User Guide, and Accessibility and Accommodations Manuals are available for download at <https://www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS20.aspx>

(See next page for list of schools administering Online ACCESS)

SDP Schools Administering Online ACCESS: 2017-18 SY

**Schools in green are the 25 schools that were already taking ACCESS Online*

School Loc.	School Name	EL Count as of 06/30/17
8020	Northeast High School	564
5020	Edison, Thomas A High School	224
8340	Solis-Cohen, Solomon School	398
2160	Furness, Horace High School	282
2640	Southwark School	334
8310	Moore, J. Hampton School	247
2580	Kirkbride, Eliza B. School	225
8350	Spruance, Gilbert School	275
2540	Key, Francis Scott School	243
8400	Frank, Anne School	269
8440	Loesche, William H. School	235
7150	Juniata Park Academy (G & Hunting Park)	240
7400	Olney Elementary School	199
7350	Lowell, James R. School	149
8380	Farrell, Louis H. School	223
5260	Elkin, Lewis School	191
7120	Fels, Samuel Sr. High School	150
8120	Wilson, Woodrow Middle School	282
8030	Washington, George High School	203
8360	Rhawnhurst School	173
5170	DeBurgos, Julia Bilingual	195
7300	Hopkinson, Francis School	204
7220	Carnell, Laura H. School	163
2000	South Philadelphia High School	114
8200	Allen, Ethan School	201
7440	Taylor, Bayard School	158
8300	Mayfair School	327
8010	Lincoln, Abraham High School	214
7010	Frankford High School	133
2340	McCall, Gen. George A. School	152
7310	Feltonville Intermediate School	174
7200	Barton, Clara School	136
5680	Munoz Marin, Hon. Luis School	134
5390	Potter-Thomas School	121
2190	Fell, D. Newlin School	129
5470	Cramp, William School	140
7730	Clemente, Roberto Middle School	110
7380	McClure, Alexander K. School	112
2260	Childs, George W. School	122
2690	Taggart, John H. School	170

7390	Morrison, Andrew J. School	106
7500	Feltonville Arts & Sciences	113
8160	Baldi, C.C.A. Middle School	185
7280	Franklin, Benjamin School	153
2510	Jackson, Andrew School	140
5530	Sheridan, Philip H. School	103
5500	Marshall, Thurgood School	128
2290	Franklin Learning Center	165
2720	Vare-Washington Elementary	110
5440	Frances Willard	99