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English Language Learner Programs

Please forward memo to everyone in your school districts who need to stay informed about the North Dakota English Language Proficiency Assessment, including administrators, counselors, teachers, education improvement teams, and others.

Memo # 1
NDDPI English Language Proficiency Assessment 2011 – 2012

TO: School District LEP/ELL Program Directors/School Contacts
FROM: Kerri Whipple, NDDPI
RE: State English Language Proficiency Assessment and Training Schedule
DATE: November 1, 2011

Enclosed are Assessment updates for the North Dakota English Language Learner Program.

Assessment Schedule

Annual English language proficiency assessment will take place January 30 – March 9, 2012. The schedule is available at http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/bilingul/standards/2011-12_assessment_scehdule.pdf.

STARS Data Collection

Data for the preID ACCESS® test labels will be collected on December 15, 2011. It is important to share this deadline with the staff in your district that do the data input for Power School and STARS. PreID ACCESS® test labels assure that the ACCESS® tests that are administered will be matched to the student record in STARS. Updating the student enrollment data prior to the deadline is a time saver for personnel that would otherwise have to bubble in the student demographic information on each test booklet.

Training Schedule

DPI will be providing training in 2011 – 2012 on the state English language proficiency assessment, an English language development standards (updated 2012 edition) training which includes links to the Common Core content standards and a data team training. A list of training opportunities is available at http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/bilingul/standards/training_schedule.pdf.

December 2, 2011 ACCESS Test Administrator Training

ACCESS for ELLs® Test Administrator Training will be provided at the Holiday Inn Express in Jamestown, ND. DPI will reimburse substitute teacher pay and travel costs for ND educational personnel participating in the ACCESS training. New test administrators or educators who have had ACCESS training more than 3 years ago are eligible for reimbursement. To register for the ACCESS for ELLs® Test Administrator Training, complete the online registration form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V6JNTZR>.



Please review the following table for information about ACCESS training requirements in ND.

ACCESS for ELLs® Training Requirement in North Dakota		
ND Teachers holding Bilingual or ELL Endorsement	ND Teachers not holding Bilingual or ELL Endorsement	All ND Teachers
Face-to-face ACCESS training OR Webinar ACCESS Training	Face-to-face ACCESS training and supervision by ELL Endorsed Teacher	Refresh Speaking training every two years via WIDA Online ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Training for the Speaking test (minimum of 80% on Speaking quiz)
WIDA Online ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Training for each module being administered (minimum score of 80% on quiz)	WIDA Online ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Training for each module being administered (minimum score of 80% on quiz)	

Please contact Kerri Whipple at 701.298.4638 or (kwhipple@nd.gov) with questions.

Thank you!

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