

ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELLs): The Basics

What is it?



ACCESS for ELLs is a test of English language skills. The assessment measures a student's current level of English language proficiency as aligned with WIDA English language development standards.

When is it administered?



ACCESS for ELLs is administered to students who are English learners in grades K-12 over an 8-week period mid-winter. Click [here](#) for continually updated administration calendar.

How is it designed?



ACCESS for ELLs is administered online (except in kindergarten) and measures students' understanding and use of academic English in all four language domains: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Accommodations are available.

Where can I learn more?



For general inquiries, please contact assessment coordinator Jodi Bossio-Smith at jodi.bossio-smith@maine.gov. For information on accommodations, grade-specific test design, and other general resources, please visit this [page](#).

Still have questions?

Please contact Interim Director of Assessment Janette Kirk at janette.kirk@maine.gov for general inquiries.