

ACCESS Testing for English Language Learners

- **What:** Your scholar will be taking an important assessment on **Friday, January 15** and **Friday, January 22**
- **How:**
 - **GK students:** Bring your student to school at your individual slot time (ask your teacher). Pick them up 30 minutes later
 - **G1-2 students:** Bring your student to school at 8:00am and pick them up at 11:30am
 - **G3-5 students:** Bring your student to school at 12:30pm and pick them up at 3:45pm
 - There is no in-person learning, childcare, or learning on Zoom on those days
- **Why:** ACCESS is an extremely important test for English Language Learners that happens once a year:
 - ACCESS helps us know how to support your student in reading, writing, speaking, and listening
 - ACCESS helps determine if your student attends ELD class or not, and the services your student receives as an English Language Learner
 - ACCESS impacts our funding and school rating

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why am I taking this assessment?

Your scholar is taking this assessment because they are an English Language Learner. This assessment is federally mandated and helps us know how your scholar is growing and what we can do to support. It also impacts if your student attends English Language Development (ELD), a time where scholars practice reading/writing/speaking/listening in English, or not.

Even though your student speaks English at school and may also speak English at home, ACCESS helps us measure the academic English that they need to succeed at school. If you have more questions about how your student is performing, please ask your teacher!

2. What should I bring? How should I prepare my student?

Please bring a **fully charged** chromebook, your charger, a mask, and comfortable clothes (you do NOT need to wear your uniform). Please eat lunch or breakfast before you come for your testing session, as we will not be providing meals. You may bring a book to place under your chair in case you finish early. Your child does not need to study for ACCESS. Prepare for test days by making sure your student gets plenty of sleep!

3. How will everyone stay safe?

All scholars and staff entering the building will be required to follow RMP safety procedures. On Testing day these will include:

- 1. Masks: Masks remain one of the most effective ways to keep us safe. All individuals will be required to wear a mask when in an RMP building unless they have a medical exception.

- 2. Smaller Testing Groups: We will have smaller student groups who remain in their classroom for the day. This is to minimize the amount of interactions between different individuals in our community. Your scholar will test in a small group of under 15 students.
- 3. Changed School Routines: Routines within the building will be different, including arrival, bathroom use, and sharing materials. All scholars and staff will maintain social distancing and not share any materials.
- 4. Symptom Screening: All individuals entering an RMP building will be screened for COVID symptoms. No individuals with a temperature over 100.4 will be allowed in an RMP facility.
- 5. Strict Visitor Policies: No adults other than staff will be allowed beyond the front office, and there will be safety measures in place to make sure only 1-2 visitors are in the front office at any time.
- 6. Quarantine Procedures: If a student or staff member is feeling sick, they will be supported in returning to their home as quickly as possible.

Please DO NOT bring your scholar if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. These symptoms include:

Fever (100.4 degrees F) or any of the following symptoms: Chills, Cough, Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle/Body Aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea.

Call the school if your scholar will not be able to attend.

4. I don't want my student to take this assessment. What are my options?

We gather important information about your scholar's learning through this federally-mandated test and we strongly encourage everyone's participation. That said, it is an option for you to opt your student out of this testing. If you are certain you want to opt out, please let your teacher know or call the school to track your response.

5. I want my student to take this assessment, but they are unable to attend at that time due to transportation. Can my scholar come at a different time?

Make-ups will be available starting the week of January 25. Please let your teacher know if your student needs a make-up time and someone will reach out to help you sign up.