



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Participation on the *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Field Test*

As part of the United States Department of Education student assessment peer review process, states must submit state-specific evidence that each district participated in the field test of the *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs* assessment. The expectation of the Alabama State Department of Education is that every student who participates on the *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs* assessment in 2022-2023 will also participate on the field test. The field test window begins Tuesday, February 14, 2023, and ends on Monday, April 17, 2023.

The *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Field Test* is a one-time, paper-based assessment that will be given in addition to the *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs* assessment that is administered each year. The field test is made up of newly developed test items and will help to ensure that those test items measure what they are intended to measure. Districts will not receive test scores for students who participate.

The many benefits to participating in the field test include the following:

- A brand-new *WIDA Alternate Screener*.
- A redesigned *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs* assessment.
- An *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs* kindergarten grade-level cluster.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Maggie Hicks at mhicks@alsde.edu or Mr. Derek Thomas at derek.thomas@alsde.edu in Student Assessment or via telephone at 334-694-4817.

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