



**Macomb Intermediate School District**

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Re: World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Testing

Dear Parents:

I am writing to inform you of a mandatory assessment (WIDA ACCESS or WIDA Alternate ACCESS) that your child will take this spring. The State of Michigan will conduct this annual administration of the statewide World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA ACCESS or WIDA Alternate ACCESS). The WIDA ACCESS or WIDA Alternate ACCESS will be administered by your child's school to all English language learners/ Limited English Proficient students in grade K-12. The administration dates are February– March, 2014.

Statewide administration of WIDA ACCESS or WIDA Alternate ACCESS meets federal assessment requirements for English language learners (ELLs). This will be in compliance with No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation of 2001. The results of this assessment in conjunction with the other statewide assessments will help schools more effectively prepare teaching materials to meet your child's need.

Students will be tested in areas of English and academic language/vocabulary of Social Instruction Language, Language Arts, math, science and social studies. The four domains of testing are: speaking, listening, reading, writing and comprehension. Proficiency levels are categorized into 5 levels: Entering, Beginning, Developing, Expanding and Bridging. Assessments are to be based on English Language Development (ELD) Standards.

If you have any more questions regarding this, please feel free to contact your school principal or me at (586) 228-3481.

Sincerely,

Dr. Su McKeithen-Polish, *MISD Bilingual Education/Title III Consultant*

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