



Lake Orion Community Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each year in Michigan and across the country, all students in Developmental Kindergarten through twelfth grade, who are learning the English language are required by federal law to take an assessment called the WIDA ACCESS. This test provides important information for parents, teachers, and school leaders about the progress students are making in learning the English language. The WIDA assesses your child's abilities to listen, read, speak and write in English.

Why do we need the WIDA ACCESS test?

The assessment helps you and your child's teacher monitor your child's progress in learning English.

The results of the assessment are a data point which help:

1. you and your child's teacher know if adjustments are needed in instruction to help your child succeed in learning English.
2. teachers know when your child is proficient in English and no longer needs English Language Development support or classes.
3. school leaders, policy makers, and the public know about the progress our students are making in learning the English language.

Assessment Administration:

Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten students take a paper-and-pencil version of the WIDA ACCESS assessment. First through twelfth graders will test using their district-issued device. Students who opted out of the district device will be provided with a district device to use during testing. No wearable technology or additional electronic devices of any kind will be allowed in the testing room per the state of Michigan's Electronic Use Policy.

WIDA 2026 Schedule:

This year's official WIDA testing window is January 26 through April 3, 2026. The assessment will be administered during the school day.

Results of the assessment are mailed to your home in August or September 2026, after your child's score has been issued by the state of Michigan.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or for additional information.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Liz Slusher'.

Liz Slusher
District Coordinator of English Language Development