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Dear AAPS Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. When your student enrolled in Ann Arbor Public Schools, you shared that your family speaks a language in addition to English at home. To help us provide the best academic support, your student took an English Language Proficiency Screener. Based on those results, your child is part of our English Learner Program, where we provide specialized support to help them thrive academically while building their English language skills. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requires a follow-up assessment this spring called the WIDA Access for English Learners. This federal and state assessment helps us ensure your student has the language support they need to succeed.

The Spring 2026 WIDA Access assessment will be administered between January 26th and March 26th, 2026. Your student's EL teacher or a trained proctor will administer the assessment during the school day. The assessment has four components: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The assessment will be completed over the course of several days. Your student will complete one component of the WIDA per test session.

The Ann Arbor Public Schools has adopted the Michigan Department of Education's [Electronic Device Policy for State Testing](#). As such, students are not permitted to use, wear, or access any personal, non-testing electronic devices during testing or during a break from an active testing session. Please review this guidance with your student as we all work together to have a smooth and secure assessment administration.

Your student's building principal and classroom teacher(s) are aware of the requirements and importance of this assessment. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the principal or EL teacher.

Results of this assessment typically come to the district in late summer, and we will mail a copy of your student's results home before the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

Thank you for partnering with us, and we look forward to sharing the results as soon they are received,

*Dawn Linden*

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