SY2026-2027 WIDA Self-Paced Workshops Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get a WIDA Secure Portal account?

Educators seeking to request an account should contact their ELD Program and/or District Assessment Coordinators (DACs). District coordinators will reach out to WIDA in behalf of educators to establish a WIDA Secure Portal activation.

What is the deadline to send the bulk upload list to WIDA CSC?

This is a district decision. Educators can access WIDA Self-Paced Workshops once the bulk upload list is sent and processed by WIDA.

Should districts send the names of all staff members or just individuals who wish to participate?

This is a district decision. The district may decide to create a bulk upload with educators' names and email addresses at the start of the school year. A bulk educator list is uploaded and submitted to WIDA Client Services Center (CSC). After WIDA CSC receives and processes the bulk request, an automatic email will be sent to educators on the list inviting them to create an account through the WIDA Secure Portal.

Are virtual WIDA Workshops required?

No, participation is optional. Workshop participation will, however, help satisfy a majority of hours related to the 45 hour English Learner Professional Development requirement for licensure renewal.

WIDA Self-Paced Workshops

Available September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027

For more detailed information, visit WIDA eLearning

Let's Play! Multilingual Children's Joyful Learning in PreK-3 – Up to 2 hours

- Designed for K-12 educators who teach, or collaborate with teachers of multilingual children, in PreK-3 classrooms and programs
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & II

Reading Comprehension Across Content Areas with Multilingual Learners – Up to 1 hour

- Designed for K-12 educators who work with multilingual learners
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & III

Desarollando el español: las expectativas del lenguaje – Up to 2 hours

- Designed for K-12 bilingual educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & II

Newcomers: Promoting Success through Strengthening Practice – Up to 3 hours

- Designed for K-12 classroom teachers
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & IV

Actual hours will be indicated on Certificate of Completion.

Is there a cost to participate in these Workshops?

No, there is no cost to K-12 public school educators with a WIDA Secure Portal account.

Where can I access the Workshops once I create an account?

After logging into your WIDA Secure Portal account, click on the Professional Learning tab at the top of the webpage.

Does the invitation to create an account expire after a certain amount of time?

The invitation to create an account does not expire – as long as the educator has access to their district email provided in the bulk or individual upload list submitted by their district to WIDA.

What if I already have a WIDA Secure Portal account or my account is inactive?

Those who already have an assessment related account in WIDA.wisc.edu will receive an email that eLearning permission has been added to their account. An invitation to sign into the Secure Portal will be sent to the educator directly from WIDA.

If the account is inactivated within three years, the account will be re-instated with the eLearning permission added. If the account has not been logged into for more than three years, the account and history will be removed; anticipate receiving an invitation to create a new account.

I started working in my district later in the school year. How do I get a WIDA Secure Portal account?

Contact your District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) to request an account activation on your behalf. WIDA will email you and invite you to create an account through the WIDA Secure Portal.

Is there a limit to online Workshop enrollment?

No, enrollment is unlimited for WIDA self-paced workshops.

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Exploring the WIDA PreK-3 Essential Actions – Up to 2 hours

- Designed for PreK-3 classroom teachers
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & IV

Developing Language for Learning in Mathematics – Up to 4 hours

- Designed for K-12 educators teaching math or support ELD in mathematics
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

Engaging Multilingual Learners in Science: Making Sense of Phenomena – Up to 4 hours

- Designed for K-12 science and language educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

Making Language Visible in the Classroom – Up to 1 hour

- Designed for K-12 educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

Reframing Education for Long Term English Learners – Up to 1 hour

- Designed for K-12 educators and administrators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & III

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Who can participate in these Workshops?

K-12 public school educators currently working in a Colorado school district can access and participate in the WIDA Workshops.

I am not currently working in a district, but I want hours to maintain my license. Can I access these virtual Workshops?

No, WIDA Self-Paced Workshops are currently only available to Colorado K-12 public school educators with a district email address.

When should I complete Workshops?

New courses are available on September 1 each school year. Educators must complete workshops by August 31 of the following year.

Will I get a certificate after completing a virtual Workshop?

After educators complete a self-paced Workshop, WIDA will issue a workshop certificate. Educators should print and/or download and save their Certificate of Completion. WIDA or CDE will not be able to reproduce certificates or confirm participation.

Will these Workshops count towards the English Learner PD Requirement for relicensing?

Yes, WIDA Workshops are aligned to the English Learner Professional Development Quality Standards. However, educators will need to review course materials or assignments/syllabi to self-select which Element (s) were addressed in the course. Educators will complete and submit their EL Professional Learning Standards Matrix and renewal application to the Educator Talent Licensing Office.

Who do I contact if there are technology issues?

WIDA CSC can assist with any technology issues or account access questions. See the contact number below.

Contacts and Resources:

WIDA Client Services (CSC) 1-866-276-7735

CLDE Office and CLDE Professional Development Opportunities at CDE

Educator Licensing Office and English Learner Professional Development Quality Standards at CDE

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Teaching Multilingual Learners Social Studies through Multiple Perspectives – Up to 3 hours

- Designed for K-12 educators that serve multilingual learners
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

WIDA ELD Standards Framework: A Collaborative Approach – Up to 4 hours

- Designed for K-12 educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & II

WIDA Español: Evaluaciones del desarrollo del lenguaje a nivel de salón - Classroom assessment for language development – Up to 1 hour

- Designed for Spanish and English bilingual K-12 educators, administrators, and support staff who assess language development in a bilingual context
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & IV

Supporting Multilingual Learners With Disabilities in Language and Communication

- Designed for educators and their collaborative partners who teach and support multilingual learners with disabilities
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & II

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