

WIDA ACCESS Gr 4–12 Online: Colorado Differences

Use with the script (2026–2027). All Colorado changes are about timing. No built-in clock: you keep time.

Time limits

Domain	Colorado limit	WIDA script says
Listening	55 min	No limit
Speaking	55 min	No limit
Reading	75 min	No limit
Writing	75 min (all tiers)	Tier A 50, B/C 65, + 5 extra

- **Start clock:** students select **Begin The Test**.
- **Stop clock:** students return to **Sign In** screen.
- **SWD:** IEP/504 extended time = +15 min.
Some students might get time and a half ([criteria](#)).

Write on the board

Board line	Example	How to get it
DOMAIN	Listening	Today's domain
Start Time	8:00 AM	Begin The Test
1st time check	8:40 AM	End minus 15 min
2nd time check	8:50 AM	End minus 5 min
End Time	8:55 AM	Start + 55 (L, S) or + 75 (R, W)

SAY at 1st check (15 min left): "You have 15 minutes left. Make sure you save enough time for the other parts."

SAY at 2nd check (5 min left): "You have 5 minutes left to finish your test."

SAY at End Time (time is up): "Time is up. Stop working now. Do not answer any more questions. Raise your hand and I will help you." (For students using a test book, "Time is up. Stop working now and close your test book.")

Page by page (WIDA script page numbers)

Page	Section	Colorado, what you say or do
4	All Domains: Before You Begin	No change.
5	All Domains: Welcome	After "Any time you need help, raise your hand," SAY: Listening/Speaking: "You will have 55 minutes to complete the test." Reading/Writing: "You will have 75 minutes to complete the test."
6	All Domains: Logging In	No change.
7	Listening & Reading: Starting	Start clock when students select "Begin The Test." Write times on board.
8	Listening & Reading: Monitoring	SAY 15-min, 5-min and time-up lines. Stop clock when test returns to Sign In.
10	Speaking: Starting	Start clock at Begin The Test (after mic check).
11	Speaking: Monitoring	SAY 15-min, 5-min and time-up lines. Stop clock at Sign In.
13	Writing: Starting & Monitoring	Start clock at Begin The Test. SAY 15-min, 5-min and time-up lines. Stop clock when test returns to Sign In. Check each student is back at Sign In.
14	Timing of Writing Test	Ignore 50 / 65 min totals and the extra 5 min. 75 min total for all tiers.

Notes

- Extended time test session: adjust the limit, 15 and 5 minute time checks and End Time as appropriate.
- Page 13 says "allow them about 5 minutes" after time ends. Do not use that approach. 5 minutes before the end of the test, say the Colorado line, "You have 5 minutes left to finish your test."
Keep the page 13 per-question pacing prompts (Tier A 5–10 min, Tier B/C about 20 min). Colorado did not change them.
- At End Time, say the time-up line. Pause the test, document which students need their test submitted. Tests are submitted in WIDA-AMS "End Incomplete Test" as soon as practicable.
- Confirm that each student submitted their test completely and returned to the "Sign In" screen.
- Make sure you know your local process for submitting incomplete tests.