**EL Quick Facts: What is ACCESS for ELLs?**

**ACCESS for ELLs:**

* Is a standardized test that measures a student’s English proficiency in the four domains of language: speaking listening, reading and writing;
* Is based on the five WIDA English language development Standards:
1. Social and Instructional Language
2. The Language of Language Arts
3. The Language of Math
4. The Language of Science
5. The Language of Social Studies
* Is a legal requirement of Every Student Succeeds Act ESSA legislation;
* Is required for all EL1 and EL2 students;
* Measure whether or not ELs are making APLA – adequate progress in language acquisition; and
* Determines whether or not an EL will exit the EL program and begin monitoring.

**How Can I Help the ELs in My Class Prepare?**

For ELs to be successful on the ACCESS for ELLs, they must have ample opportunities to use academic language in all four language domains EVERY DAY! Be sure you are using a variety of strategies and interactions that allow ELs to SPEAK, LISTEN, READ, and WRITE academic English daily. If you need suggestions on how to incorporate opportunities for all students to use academic language in your classroom, please let your EL teacher know!

For more information on the ACCESS for ELLs, the WIDA Screener (placement test), or the WIDA consortium, visit their website: [www.wida.us](http://www.wida.us)