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| \*DTC\* - ACCESS for ELLs Technology Update 01/06/2020 This technology update contains information related to the following topics:   * ACCESS: Test Window Opening * ACCESS: DRC System Status Webpage * ACCESS: DRC Insight System Readiness Check * ACCESS: Central Office Services-Service Device (COS-SD) Replaces TSM * ACCESS: DRC Device Toolkit Dashboard | cid:image001.png@01D5BFB8.79D0EA80 |
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| **ACCESS for ELLs Test Window Opening** | |
| The state testing window for ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs begins on **Monday, January 13, 2020** and ends on **Friday, February 14, 2020.** | |
| **DRC System Status Webpage** | |
| [The DRC System Status webpage](http://status.drcedirect.com/WIDA) provides real-time updates on operations of WIDA AMS, INSIGHT, the Testing Site Manager (TSM), and Educator Scoring.   As a reminder, DTCs can subscribe to receive email updates when the status of any system changes.  We encourage DTCs to take advantage of this feature and expedite their awareness of any potential service interruptions affecting ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 testing.  To subscribe to status updates, enter your email address on the DRC system status webpage.  You may want to update your bookmark to the [link](http://status.drcedirect.com/WIDA/). | |
| **Central Office Services-Service Device (COS-SD) Replaces TSM** | |
| In **August 15, 2019** WIDA and DRC retired the Testing Site Manager (TSM) and it is no longer supported. If your district would like to provide content hosting and content management for the ACCESS for ELLs assessment you will need to install and configure a Central Office Services-Service Device (COS-SD).  Here are some links to information on the COS-SD:   * [Supported System Requirements for ACCESS for ELLs](https://www.wida-ams.us/Documents/Unsecure/Doc.aspx?id=88b9535e-fa98-463a-b2a5-34916fe2dae0) page 6-7 * DRC INSIGHT [Technology User Guide](https://www.wida-ams.us/Documents/Unsecure/Doc.aspx?id=d42fa7fd-6f29-4444-ad7a-4eb6bf2c1de7) page 52-85 * [TSM to COS Service Device](https://www.wida-ams.us/Documents/Unsecure/Doc.aspx?id=b875f3b0-a352-47e8-bbcf-75346bc1c67f) | |
| **DRC INSIGHT System Readiness Check** | |
| The System Readiness Check performs a series of tests you can use to easily diagnose and prevent or correct most errors on student devices prior to ACCESS testing. This check verifies that a testing device meets all of the necessary hardware and software requirements for testing.  It also indicates any checks that the testing device failed and provides suggestions for success.  To perform a DRC INSIGHT System Readiness Check:   1. Start INSIGHT on the student-testing device. 2. When the portal page appears, click the purple checkmark [cid:image002.gif@01D5BFB8.79D0EA80] in the lower left side of the INSIGHT portal page. 3. When you are prompted, enter the four-digit System Readiness Check Access Code of 7745.   Complete instructions can be found on page 199 of the DRC INSIGHT [Technology User Guide](https://www.wida-ams.us/Documents/Unsecure/Doc.aspx?id=d42fa7fd-6f29-4444-ad7a-4eb6bf2c1de7). | |
| **DRC Central Office Services Dashboard** | |
| DTCs can use the DRC Central Office Services Dashboard to check the status of your district’s ACCESS online testing configurations including COS and student assessment devices.  This check can be run prior to testing to verify your testing configuration and as needed during the window to help diagnose issues reported during testing.  To access the DRC Device Toolkit Dashboard:   1. Log into the [WIDA Assessment Management System](https://www.drcedirect.com/all/eca-portal-ui/welcome/WIDA) 2. Select All Applications > Device Toolkit in the menu bar. 3. Choose WIDA as your Testing Program 4. Type in at least 3 characters in the Site search box to find your configuration.   Complete instructions can be found on page 86 of the DRC INSIGHT [Technology User Guide](https://www.wida-ams.us/Documents/Unsecure/Doc.aspx?id=d42fa7fd-6f29-4444-ad7a-4eb6bf2c1de7). | |
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