

## Calling educators to generate content for the new Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs!

The Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) is excited to announce an upcoming fully-online workshop for educators to contribute to the development of the new Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs. These English language proficiency tests are being refreshed to represent the WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards Framework, 2020 Edition.

### Who are we looking for?

- 12 educators (from WIDA member states) from a variety of linguistic and cultural backgrounds.
- You must have experience in the last 3 years working with kindergarten English learners in their general education classrooms.
- We welcome applications from:
  - Multilingual learner or English learner teachers of kindergarten students.
  - General education kindergarten teachers.
  - Special education teachers of kindergarten students.
  - Other specialists with expertise in kindergarten curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- Familiarity with the current Kindergarten ACCESS is recommended but not required to be selected for participation.

### What will you do?

You will collaborate with an assigned partner over the Zoom platform to propose assessment themes and task ideas that reflect kindergarten curriculum, instructional practices, and the WIDA ELD Standards 2020 Edition.

### What is the total time commitment?

5 hours on one day: 4 hours working hours online, with a 1-hour break

### When is the workshop?

Monday, August 8, 2022, from 12:00 – 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

12:00 – 1:30 PM EDT (1.5 hours)

- Whole group orientation to Kindergarten ACCESS and the theme generation task
- Facilitated partner work: Brainstorming overarching themes with assigned partner

1:30 – 2:30 PM EDT (1 hour)

- Break

2:30 – 5:00 PM EDT (2.5 hours)

- Facilitated partner work on assigned themes, focused on creating and refining detailed theme and task ideas
- Whole group gallery walk of theme ideas for group input

I am interested! How do I apply?

Complete an application at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KACCESS\\_ThemeGeneration](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KACCESS_ThemeGeneration)

- Application will be open June 6 – July 1, 2022.

In the application, you will be asked to provide:

- Your contact information
- Information about your kindergarten teaching experience
- Demographic information (optional)
- A current resume or CV

The 12 educators invited to serve as theme generators

- will be emailed with confirmation and next steps beginning the week of July 11, 2022.
- are required to submit a signed non-disclosure and copyright statement before the event.
- will each receive \$200 from WIDA after the event if they provide 4 hours of full participation in the workshop.

Questions? Contact:

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Thank you for your interest in contributing to this important test development initiative!