The Writing Team for the World Languages standards review is taking shape, but there’s still a need for more diverse representation. If you teach in the following regions, grade levels, or languages, please consider applying:

- Washington County, Hancock County, Western Maine
- K-3
- Less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Russian, ASL, and Indigenous Languages

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### Professional Learning

- **4/13/21-4/15/21:** Pennsylvania DOE English Language Development Virtual Professional Learning Summit (Free and open to Maine educators!)
- **4/21/21 at 3:30pm:** US DOE Office of English Language Acquisition—English Learners in Secondary Schools: Trajectories, Transition Points, and Promising Practices
- **4/21/21-5/1/21:** Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Conference (Now virtual only!)
- Duke/UNC/University of Michigan Webinar Series “How to teach about the Middle East—and get it right!” (4/22 and 5/20)
- **4/27/21:** National Association of English Learner Program Administrators Virtual Conference
- **4/28/21 at 1pm:** Achieve3000—Examining the Barriers to After-High School Success and the Role of Parental Support, School Culture, and External Partnerships
- **5/7/21 10am-3pm:** Maine ESOL Meeting (Virtual) - Registration is open! See tentative schedule.
- **6/9/21 and 6/16/21 from 9:30-11am:** WIDA eWorkshop on Planning with the WIDA ELD Standards Framework (Registration not yet open.)
- **6/23/21 (Time TBD)** French Cultural Services—National Seminar on French Dual Language Immersion and Education
- **7/16/21-7/21/21:** World Language Summer Seminar (Virtual)
- **7/25/21-7/31/21:** Deutsche Woche in Bar Harbor
**ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs**

The ACCESS assessments window runs from January 11th – April 16th 2021

**Return of Testing Materials**

**UPDATE:** All ACCESS assessment materials must be returned to DRC no later than April 30th. Any questions about returning materials? See the Returning Materials PDF, available in the Download Library within the WIDA Secure Portal (login required).

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**Important Upcoming Dates**

- 4/16/21 – ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs window closes.
- 6/18/21 – ACCESS reports available online via WIDA AMS.
- 7/12/21 – Districts receive printed ACCESS reports.

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**Monitor Test Status**

You can monitor the completion of testing in WIDA AMS in two different ways:

1) Generate a Daily Cumulative Student Status Report which displays all students in a test session, regardless of whether they have started the test session. It shows the test status for each student, including start and submit times, the ticket status, and the assigned accommodations. This report is displayed in real-time and can be generated at the district level.

2) View the Student Status Dashboard which displays student testing status by school and administration. You can filter student test data on the Dashboard by testing status, grade, content area, and assessment (or any combination of these). The Dashboard data is displayed in real-time and can be viewed at the school level only.

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**Assessment 2021 Resources**

The Maine DOE Assessment Team continues to work with districts to provide support for the administration of 2021 assessments when safely feasible to do so. Please visit the WIDA homepage for more information about:

- Frequently asked questions from the field
- Weekly office hours with the Assessment Team
- Comprehensive guidance document for 2021 assessments

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**Post-Assessment Resources**

Many districts have communicated with DOE that despite the challenges of assessment this year, it was important to have district, school and student level data with which to target needed supports and resources for the upcoming school year. As a reminder, the WIDA Secure Portal includes a wealth of resources related to the different types of ACCESS reports and how this data can be leveraged to best serve English learners.

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**Master postal address**

**Articles of Interest**

**News Center Maine:** National Poetry Month: Students across Maine connect through poetry

**Maine DOE Newsroom:** Seeking Maine Educators to Create Learning Modules for MOOSE

**Amiamblo Africa!** That month has come again! (April 7 is International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda.)

**Portland Press Herald:** South Portland plans to release school equity report in mid-April

**Portland Press Herald:** Portland schools receive national award for college readiness program for multilingual students

**Santa Fe New Mexican:** Language as a force for good: Poet Luci Tapahonso

**Language Magazine:** Studying Abroad Improves Fluency and Lexis ‘Rapidly’

**Language Magazine:** California Bill Would Redefine Dual Language Learners

**Guardian:** Pardon my French: dismay in Quebec as francophones fail language test

**Voice of America:** Google Explains Why App Can’t Translate Most Native American Languages
Job Opportunities

Cherryfield Part-Time ESOL Teacher
Kittery Part-Time ESOL Teacher
Baxter Academies High School French Teacher
Baxter Academies High School Spanish Teacher
MSAD 61 Spanish Teacher
Isleboro Central School Anticipated World Language Teacher K-12
Gorham High School Spanish Teacher
RSU 21 Anticipated Elementary Spanish Teacher
RSU 21 High School Spanish Teacher
Washington Academy Spanish Residential Faculty
Winthrop MS/HS French Teacher (1 year)
MSAD 51 Spanish Teacher
MSAD 11 Long-Term Substitute French Teacher
MSAD 11 Spanish Teacher
Biddeford Summer Elementary School ELL Teacher
Lewiston Middle School Language Facilitator
Union 69 Part-Time Foreign Language Teacher
The New School (Kennebunk) American Sign Language Teacher

Announcements/Reminders

There’s still time to apply to be part of the World Languages Standards Revision Writing Team. See this [Maine DOE notice](https://mainedoe.gov) for details.

Now that the [2020 WIDA English Language Development Standards](https://mainedoe.gov) have been released, we are excited to support districts in implementing them. Please take a few minutes to complete [this survey](https://mainedoe.gov) on regarding implementation of the standards. Thank you!

If your school is interested in participating in the Visiting Teachers from Spain Program, check out [this article](https://mainedoe.gov) for details.

Survey for Middle School World Languages Teachers

Hello! We are Amanda Milholland and Daniela Bassani. We are a pair of Middle School World Language teachers who are currently gathering some data about the structure of other Middle Schools’ Language schedules so that we can hopefully improve our own. We would very much appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete this brief [survey](https://mainedoe.gov) to provide us some information about how the schedule works at your school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at amilholland@sad15.org and dbassanimoraes@sad15.org. Thank you!

[Survey Link](https://mainedoe.gov)

Virtual Office Hours

All language educators are invited to stop by the virtual office hour. It is an informal opportunity to connect with the Department, ask any questions, and get to know your colleagues across the state. Our next virtual office hour is on 4/14/21 at 3:00pm.

Join Zoom [here](https://mainedoe.gov).

Meeting ID: 839 6220 3107 Passcode: ?2jT1Ae

Recordings will be available on the Maine DOE YouTube channel after each session.

4/7/21 recording is not available due to personally identifiable information.