



Denison Montessori

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR TIME AND PLACE

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Beginning on January 8th, English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade will participate in the ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs assessment. This assessment measures a student's English language skills in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. ACCESS 2.0 is a state assessment and is used by classroom teachers to determine the level of language support that a student may need during instruction. With this information, we are also able to monitor student progress on an annual basis, and determine when a student is ready to be placed in mainstream instruction. To learn more about this assessment please visit the following web page: <https://www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS20.aspx>.

Though you may have seen previous communications which indicated that the assessment would be given online this year, the test will be delivered in paper-pencil form in Denver Public Schools. The district is currently preparing to transition to the online form next year.

Denison will be administering the assessment between January 8th and February 9th, 2018. (Certain areas and students will be tested each day.) Please be sure that your student arrives on time during these days so that they do not miss sections of the test, as this would require a make-up session. If you have questions regarding the assessment, please contact your student's teacher.

Thank you,

Kathryn Mattis

Denison Principal

