

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202

We prepare learners for the future.



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Dear Parents or Legal Guardians:

Section 14C-3 of the Illinois School Code and Section 228.25(c) (1) and (3) of the Administrative Code require school districts to assess each student who has been identified as having limited English proficiency.

The ACCESS for ELs™ Illinois state mandated test will be given to assess students' development of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in English. Thus, all identified English Learners (ELs) from the Home Language Survey completed at the time of registration, must be assessed during the annual ACCESS examination each year until he or she achieves a "proficient" score before exiting the program.

Students who were identified as English Learners (ELs) but whose parents refused language support service must be tested with ACCESS for ELs™ until they meet the minimum English language level per Illinois code. For more information, please visit the Illinois State Board of Education website: www.isbe.net on the assessment division link.

The state of Illinois changed the ACCESS testing date to March 15, 2021. The test consists of listening, reading, speaking, and writing sections. These tests are administered in groups based on the students' English proficiency level and grade level. This year, Plainfield School District 202 will create a schedule for testing students in their school. The testing schedule is dependent on the school district transition plan and whether students are in person or learning remotely. Please look for information to come out about the transition plan by reading the weekly District Thursday updates.

ACCESS for ELs™ involves working with a computer and navigating the online platform in the school setting. All district 202 schools will adhere to the appropriate safeguards that have been communicated. Safeguards address wearing a mask while attending school, social distancing, disinfecting, and traffic patterns in the schools. Please see Plainfield School District 202 [Covid-19 Parent Handbook](#) for a complete description of the safety precautions available throughout each school in the district.

The best way for students to prepare for the test is to have them watch video demos and take practice tests remotely or at school to learn how to use the computer program. Lastly, to ensure success, encourage your student to go to bed early the night before the test, and eat a good breakfast before coming to school for testing.

Please encourage your child to do his or her best on the state mandated ACCESS Test. I appreciate your cooperation in seeing that students are well rested and present for this important assessment. Please call your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "W".

Dr. Glenn Wood
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction