

ESL TESTING

Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State (ACCESS) test -

Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLs®) is a secure standards-based criterion referenced English language proficiency test designed to measure English language learners' social and academic proficiency in English. It assesses social and instructional English as well as the language associated with language arts, math, science, and social studies.

The students are tested in: **Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking**

WIDA/ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) -

Any student who did not take the state ACCESS test must take this test within 30 days of being enrolled in school.

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Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) -

The Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) measures the achievement of grade 11 students in [reading](#), [mathematics](#), [science](#), and [writing](#).

The PSAE includes three components:

- (1) The [ACT Plus Writing](#), which includes the ACT battery of four multiple-choice tests (English, mathematics, reading, and science) and a 30-minute constructed-response writing test with a single prompt question;
- (2) An ISBE-developed science assessment;
- (3) Two [WorkKeys](#) assessments ([Applied Mathematics](#) and [Reading for Information](#)).

Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test –

Students in ESL take the MAP test three times a year in Reading and in Language usage. The scores from the Reading test provide the students and teachers with a Lexile Range and a reading grade level in English. Additionally the Language Usage test indicates the grammatical language skills that students need to improve upon. SHS keeps records of these scores to show growth in Reading and language acquisition.

The tests are taken in September, December, and May.