



Dear Parents,

Your student will be tested this year to determine progress in learning English. The testing is mandated by the federal government and includes all students who are identified as English Learners (ELs), whether they are receiving services or not. The test is called ACCESS (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State). Students will be tested between January 16 and March 2, 2018.

Students will be tested in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The entire test takes approximately 2½ hours and will be administered on several different days. Testing for your child will begin on _____ and will be administered by teachers at your child's school. Please, assist us in ensuring that your child reports promptly to school on these days for testing.

Results from the test will assist us in planning instruction for your child. After Cobb County School District receives the results, you will be notified. Please stress to your student the importance of the test and doing his/her best. However, be careful not to create undue anxiety in the student, as students perform best when they are relaxed.

If you have any questions, please call the ESOL teacher or ESOL administrator at your child's school. More information regarding the ACCESS test can be found at www.wida.us.

Sincerely,

ESOL Teacher

School Name