



River Forest  
Public Schools

## English Language Learners

### **WIDA: World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment**

#### **Measure of Developing English Language (MODEL)<sup>™</sup>**

WIDA is a consortium of states, including Illinois that are dedicated to the design and implementation of high standards and equitable educational opportunities for English language learners. WIDA Measure of Developing English Language (MODEL) is a new series of academic English-language-proficiency assessments being developed for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; it currently is available for kindergarten only. These assessments can serve multiple purposes. They may aid in the identification and placement of English language learners, be used for benchmark evaluation during the school year, and/or be used as a summative measure of progress for reporting purposes.

The WIDA MODEL<sup>™</sup> will most commonly be used as an optional replacement to the WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT)<sup>™</sup> screener test. Each test assesses students' abilities in all four language domains (listening, speaking, writing, and reading), and evaluates social and instructional English, as well as academic language corresponding to the subject areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

The W-APT<sup>™</sup>, known as the screener, is being used in grades 1-8 until MODEL is available and is used by educators to measure the English language proficiency of students who have recently arrived in the United States or in a particular District. It can help to determine whether or not a child is in need of English language instructional services and, if so, at what level.

# **ACCESS FOR ELLS<sup>®</sup>**

ACCESS FOR ELLS<sup>®</sup> stands for Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners. This large-scale test addresses the academic English language proficiency (ELP) standards for English language learners.