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To: WIDA Consortium SEAs
Re: Clarification 2009-10: Monitoring the Writing Test

The following clarification is being issued with regards to the Writing Test guidelines given in the Test Administrator’s Scripts for grade 3-5 (Tiers B and C) and grades 6-8 (Tiers B and C).

Page	Reference	Error	Correction
32 (Grades 3-5 Tiers B & C Booklets)	Monitoring the test	You will spend a few minutes reading the script <i>at the beginning of each part</i> and then students should spend about 15 minutes each on Parts A and B, and about 30 minutes on Part C.	You will spend a few minutes reading the script <i>at the beginning of the writing test</i> and then students should spend about 15 minutes each on Parts A and B, and about 30 minutes on Part C.
36 (Grades 6-8 Tiers B & C Booklets)			

This issue has been posted on the WIDA website. We want you to be aware so that you have the background information needed to respond if you receive any questions or comments from the field.

The issue mentioned does not in any way affect the test scores that students will receive on ACCESS for ELLs nor does it have the potential to compromise results with regard to the validity or reliability of the test. As always, we wish to offer our sincere thanks to the educators in the field whose attention to these types of details will allow us to improve the test in future years.

If you have any questions about the clarification, please feel free to contact Carsten Wilmes, WIDA’s Assessment Operations Manager (wilmes@wisc.edu) or the WIDA Help Desk at toll free 1-866-276-7735.