

Ordering FAQ

When do we need to order by?

The initial ordering window closes October 30th.

Are we testing online for 2015-2016?

We're moving online for the 2015-2016 school year. However, that doesn't mean paper is entirely going away:

Grades 1-3 will still take the Writing domain in a paper booklet, as many of these students aren't fluent keyboarders. Booklets will be automatically sent when you order online tests.

Grades 4-12 will take all of the domains online, unless they fall into one of the categories that need to test on paper. (Alternate ACCESS, Braille, large print, IEP/504 accommodation that can't be met on a computer.)

Paper writing booklets will be available for students in grades 4-12 who are not fluent keyboarders. If a student in these grades needs to handwrite the Writing domain, they will read the prompts off the screen and write in the booklet. DRC will ship a small number of paper writing booklets for grades 4-12.

What if additional students need Writing booklets?

If you find (or know) you need additional Writing booklets, you'll be able to order them after December 3rd when the Additional Materials window opens, with three day shipping.

What option in the WIDA AMS do I pick for test ordering?

Choose the 'all online' option, unless you will have a student who needs braille, large print, or who has an IEP/504 plan that indicates they can't test on a computer. In that case, choose 'some paper'.

Does the Online Test have Tiers?

You will not need to select any Tiers for online testing. (Paper tests require Tiers like in previous years.) However, there are still Tiers, and they have changed a little. The two are Tier A and Tier B/C, where A is for absolute beginners (ELP 1-2), and B/C is appropriate for all other students.

You will administer the Listening and Reading first, the system will automatically adjust in difficulty to match the needs of the student, and it will return a Tier determination for the Speaking and Writing. For grades 4-12, they should be set, and when they take the Speaking and Writing they will be administered the appropriate Tier. For grades 1-3, it will also work this way for Speaking. For Writing, you'll run a 'Tier Report', and give them the appropriate booklet. DRC will ship an overage of both Tier A and B/C, and you'll just have to read off the report and match the right Tiered booklet with the student.

I can't seem to order for my district!

Ordering must be done by school, not by the district as a whole.