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RE: New Guidance – New Hampshire Special Education Information System (NHSEIS)
ACCESS for special education students

In an effort to continually improve the New Hampshire Special Education Information System (NHSEIS) the Division of Learner Support has created an ACCESS Guidance Document. To keep the districts aware of these enhancements, the Bureau is attaching a document with details and screen shots.

This guidance includes:

The ACCESS for ELLs accommodations, modifications, and domains for both paper and online testing for special education students. This is an annual assessment of the developing social and academic English language proficiency of English learners in grades K through 12. The assessment measures students' academic English language skills in the domains of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. It is anchored in the WIDA English Language Development standards.

If you have any questions regarding the use of this accommodations section in NHSEIS please contact JoAnn Marchant at (603) 271-3791. If you have questions regarding the ACCESS assessment in general, please contact Janna Jobel at (603) 568-8813.