

English Language Learners

## **ACCESS TESTING**



## WHAT IS ACCESS TESTING?

ACCESS is an English language proficiency test that measures English Language Learners' [ELLs] academic English language skills for success in content classes in high school.

When students reach an ACCESS score of 5.0, they no longer need language support services and exit from the ESOL program. There are four (4) language domains to demonstrate your students' academic language proficiency.

- LISTENING
- READING
- WRITING
- SPEAKING

## HOW CAN MY STUDENT PREPARE?

Your child practices these language skills in their ESOL classes, so the test is an opportunity for students to demonstrate all the ways that they understand and communicate in English.

**TIP:** ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY ENSURES YOUR STUDENTS'



# WHEN ARE THE ACCESS TESTS?

FCHS will test one language skill a week from January- February 2024.

#### **BLOCK DAYS - Wednesday & Thursday**

- LISTENING: January 24-25
- READING: Jan 31 Feb 1
- WRITING: February 7-8
- SPEAKING: February 14-15

### WHY ACCESS TESTING?

Your child's teachers use ACCESS test scores to decide how best to support and track your child's progress in learning academic English. Schools can determine what English language services to provide. And, you can use test information to advocate for your child's language learning at school.



If you have any questions, please contact your ESOL teacher!