

AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING – AUGUST 10, 2017

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These articles are from MDE's Assessment Update. Contact your District Assessment Coordinator with questions.

Test Development Life Cycle Training Modules

MDE and Pearson have partnered to produce a series of online, on-demand modules that describe how statewide tests are developed and explain key resources available to educators. The six modules will be available by Aug. 31. They can be found on the Assessment Literacy tab of Pearson's [Training Management System \(TMS\)](#) (minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com > Training Management System (under Quick Links)). Anyone can sign up to access these on-demand modules through the TMS with their email address.

Webinar: K-12 Data Mart and MCCC Reports

On Aug. 15 from 1–2 p.m., MDE will host a webinar introducing the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS) website's latest reports, including the K-12 Data Mart, using the Minnesota Common Course Catalogue (MCCC). You will be able to ask questions and meet your regional SLEDS contact. [Please register here.](#)

Workshop: Teacher Website, Data Systems and Tools

On Aug. 18 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., representatives from MDE, SLEDS, and DEED will host a workshop for teachers and educators at the Northwest Service Cooperative of Thief River Falls. After lunch on your own, participate in further data discussions or in a focus group for the teacher website. Register for the [MN Data Tools workshop](#) (lsc.org > Workshops > MN Data Tools: Leveraging Data). Email holly.brunson@state.mn.us with any questions.

Educator Resources for English Learners

On Sept. 26–28, WIDA will host a training in Bloomington on formative assessment in general classroom instruction. Read more details and register at [WIDA's website](#) (wida.us > Professional Learning > Academies).

WIDA has developed materials to help educators and families understand the 2017 score changes, which are on the [Score Changes page](#) (wida.us > Assessment > ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 > Scores & Reports > Score Changes page).

Test Administration: Spring 2017

More than 1 million MCA tests were administered in Minnesota during the spring 2017 administration.

- MCA Reading: 450,631
- MCA Mathematics: 447,172
- MCA Science: 187,757

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Delivered to Districts

Paper copies and DVDs of the ISRs arrived in districts on Aug. 7. Helpful resources and tools are available on Pearson's [ISRs Resources page](#) (minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com > Reporting Resources > Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Resources). These include ISR Videos, Quick Guides, and the Interpretive Guide.

Testing Terminology: Assessment Words of the Month

- **DAC (District Assessment Coordinator)**: The district's main contact with MDE and the service providers and vendors (Pearson, WIDA, and DRC) concerning statewide assessments.
- **MDE-ORG (Minnesota Department of Education – Organization Reference Glossary)**: A searchable database that includes a variety state, district, and school-level information. Access the [MDE-ORG webpage](#) (MDE website > Data Center > Schools and Organizations (MDE-ORG)).
- **ISRs (Individual Student Reports)**: These reports describe an individual student's performance in terms of overall results, performance level, and Minnesota Academic Standards for each subject.
- **SAC (School Assessment Coordinator)**: The person in the school with a variety of responsibilities related to the administration of statewide assessments.

Statewide Testing's mission statement: To design, develop, and implement a system of assessment so Minnesota students, parents, teachers, administrators, legislators, and taxpayers will have access to valid and reliable data to support and improve education in Minnesota.



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