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WIDA Accounts

As of Nov. 8, all DACs listed in the Minnesota Department of Education-Organization Reference Glossary (MDE-ORG) should now have active district-level accounts in both the WIDA Secure Portal and WIDA AMS.

- For the WIDA Secure Portal, New DACs who were indicated in MDE-ORG by Oct. 19 should have received an email about creating their Secure Portal accounts or letting them know that their account now has the Account Management permission account information for the WIDA Secure Portal.

- DRC Customer Support sent a memo to all DACs and District Technology Coordinators on Tuesday, Nov. 8, informing them that their WIDA AMS accounts have been updated for the current school year. New DACs who were indicated in MDE-ORG by Oct. 19 should have received an email with account information for WIDA AMS.

If you are a new DAC and have not yet received access to either system, please contact mde.testing@state.mn.us. As long as you are indicated as the DAC in MDE-ORG, MDE will approve the request and send it to the service providers to create both accounts. Note: New DACs should confirm they are indicated as the DAC in MDE-ORG before sending their request.

Additional Assessment Data Available

Straggler data (that is "late" assessment records) for both MCA/MTAS and ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS have been added to the District and School Student Results (DSR & SSR) and Student Assessment History Report in Secure Reports. This data comes from tests that were not included or available during Posttest Editing.

- For MCA and MTAS, this is typically due to a district making a late score entry request past the initial deadline.

- For ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS, this is typically due to later returns of paper test materials (for example, Kindergarten ACCESS or test booklets for the writing domain) or any score appeals, test booklet searches, or transcription requests.

Upcoming Opportunities

November Q&A Session 1: Training Preparation

MDE will host two virtual Q&A sessions for DACs in November. The first session will be on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 2–3 p.m. and will focus on the overview of test administration and required training for staff members. New and experienced DACs are welcome to attend. Register for the November Q&A Session 1. Details for joining will be provided after participants register. The second November Q&A session will be on Tuesday, Nov. 29, and will focus on Pretest Editing tasks.

The prerequisites for the first November Q&A session are the following chapters of the *Procedures Manual*:

- Chapter 6: Overview of Test Administration

- Chapter 7: Before Test Administration

MDE collects questions from DACs prior to the event to help prepare and find relevant resources to share. After reading the chapters, submit questions for the November DAC Q&A Session 1.

Note: Q&A Sessions are not recorded, and CEUs are not provided as these sessions are an additional support rather than a training event.

ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS

WIDA and DRC will be hosting the following webinars:

- Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators: Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 1–2 p.m.

- During Testing: Managing Students in WIDA AMS: Thursday, Nov. 17 at 1–2 p.m.

- Alternate ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators: Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 1–2 p.m.

More information, including the webinar links, can be found in the WIDA Secure Portal on the Webinars page. Find technology-related webinar links and recordings by going to the WIDA AMS landing page and selecting View Documentation. Then, select Memos/Documents from the Document type dropdown menu and the 2022–23 Q&A Webinar Schedule for Technology Coordinators.

Note: Recordings of WIDA Q&A Webinars are posted to the WIDA Secure Portal on the Webinars page within a week of the presentation.

Odds and Ends

MDE will be closed this Friday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

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