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What's New for 2021–22

The symbols NEW! and INFO! are used throughout the *Procedures Manual* to help call attention to new information or updates. These symbols are searchable.

- The NEW! symbol indicates changes or additions to policies and procedures for this year. The *New for 2021–22* section in Chapter 1 of the *Procedures Manual* section also summarizes these changes, but it is important to read them in the context of the other information within the manual to understand the changes; chapter references are included to aid in this review.

- The INFO! symbol is used to indicate clarifications of existing policies and procedures throughout the manual; however, clarifications are not summarized in *New for 2021–22* section in Chapter 1 of the *Procedures Manual* as they must be read within the chapters to fully illustrate what has changed. Many of these clarifications are included to indicate policies and procedures that will be resumed after the extenuating circumstances from the last two years of test administration.

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New DAC Q&A: Registration

The November New DAC Q&A webinar is Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 2–3 p.m. Experienced DACs are also welcome to attend. [Register for the New DAC Q&A Webinar](). Details for joining the webinar are provided once participants register.

The prerequisites for this webinar are the following chapters of the *[Procedures Manual]()*:

- Chapter 2: Overview of Statewide Assessments

- Chapter 3: Roles and Responsibilities for Testing

- Chapter 5: Responsible and Ethical Practices to Maintain Test Security and Test Score Integrity

MDE uses questions from new DACs to prepare for the webinar. After reading the chapters, [submit questions for the New DAC Q&A webinar]().

ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Webinars

WIDA and DRC will be hosting the webinars below during the month of November. More information about each webinar can be found in the [WIDA Secure Portal]() on the Webinars page. There is no need to register in advance.

- Join the *[Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators]()* on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1 p.m.

- Join the *[During Testing: Managing Students in WIDA AMS (Online)]()* on Thursday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m.

- Join the *[Alternate ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators]()* on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1 p.m.

Recordings of these webinars will be posted in the [WIDA Secure Portal]() (on the Webinars page) within a week of each event.

Note: Consult the Tech Update article below regarding the *Pre-Testing Technology Coordinator Support for Test Administrators* webinar which will be hosted by WIDA and DRC.

Odds and Ends

MDE will be closed next week on Thursday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

Tech Update

Pre-Testing Technology Coordinator Support for Test Administrators Webinar

WIDA and DRC will host the *Pre-Testing Technology Coordinator Support for Test Administrators* webinar on Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. This webinar will provide Technology Coordinators information to communicate with Test Coordinators and Administrators. It will also facilitate how to establish a local communication plan to identify issues and troubleshoot if problems arise. Finally, it will review when to support Test Administrators at their testing sites by training them to respond to technical issues as well as when/how to report issues.

No registration is required for this event. Join the [Pre-Testing: Technology Coordinator Support for Test Administration](#) webinar on Nov. 9.

Chromebooks and Chrome OS Auto Update Expiration (AUE) Policy (Repeat from July 14)

If your district has been using Chromebooks or Chrome OS devices for several years, the devices may be approaching Google's end-of-support dates in their Auto Update Expiration (AUE) Policy.

For ACCESS, consult DRC's *Chrome OS Device Support, 2021–22,* located in the [WIDA AMS library of technical and test administration materials](#) (No log in required. In the second paragraph under the first heading on the right side of the login page, select "click here (login not required)." On the Training Materials page, click the Show Documents button to display all documents; from the list of documents, locate and download the memo from June 22.) This resource provides information on how Google's end of support may impact your use of the DRC INSIGHT application on these devices. Please contact DRC Customer Support with any questions related to technology documentation at 855-787-9615 or wida@datarecognitioncorp.com.

For MCA, refer to the [TestNav System Requirements page](#) for information on currently supported hardware and software, as well as upcoming system requirement changes for 2021–22. The [TestNav System Requirement Policy page](#) outlines Pearson's support policy of different OS. Consult the [Chrome Update Policy](#) under the Resources column for an overview of the Chrome OS auto update policy, information on how to find the AUE date, and a list of Google approved Chrome devices and their AUE date.

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