

AN UPDATE FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT—JULY 7, 2021

QUICK LINKS	IMPORTANT DATES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSR/SSR Files Available Next Week • Early Student-Level Results for ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS (repeat) • Entering Reimbursement Requests in GRR • Upcoming Opportunities 	<p>July 13 : Last day to retrieve early student-level results for ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS available in Test WES</p> <p>July 14: Retrieve embargoed final DSR and SSR files in Secure Reports</p> <p>Aug. 6: Retrieve embargoed Test Results Summaries in Secure Reports</p>

DSR/SSR Files Available Next Week

Final assessment results will be available in the [District and School Student Results](#) (DSR and SSR) files on July 14. These results will be under embargo until the public release of assessment results (week of Aug. 30, exact date to be confirmed). During the embargo, districts can use final assessment results to prepare for questions from the media and local stakeholders. It is up to the district to determine whether or not to share embargoed assessment data with students, families, and staff for instructional purposes. Preliminary or embargoed results cannot, however, be discussed in public forums, reflected in public meeting minutes (e.g., school board meetings), or shared with the general public or media until the final assessment results have been released publicly.

Additional Resources

The following resources are available to support districts with using and understanding the results:

- The [Revised 2020–21 Important Dates](#) provides an updated timeline for the release of results.
- Chapter 11 of the [Procedures Manual](#) provides guidelines for using the assessment data and abiding by the embargo.
- The [2020–21 District and School Student Results \(DSR and SSR\) User Guide](#) provides information about the content and file format of the DSR and SSR.
- The [Statewide Assessments: Using District and School Student Results \(DSR and SSR\) Files](#) one-page resource is located on the District Resources page under Test Score Interpretation Resources.

Early Student-Level Results for ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS (repeat)

Early student-level results for ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs are only available for download in [Test WES](#) until July 13. Final ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS results will be included in the embargoed District and School Student Results (DSR and SSR) files released on July 14.

Districts must download and save the early student-level results by July 13 if they want access to the data after the final results release (e.g., for a student whose score was invalidated due to not being indicated as EL in MARSS). Remember that the early results do not reflect any edits made during Posttest Editing.

Entering Reimbursement Requests in GRR

Districts that have received assessment results for the college entrance exam they administered (ACT or SAT) should enter requests for reimbursements in the [Graduation Requirements Records \(GRR\)](#) system for eligible students. If a district has not previously received reimbursement for a grade 11 or grade 12 student, the following criteria applies to reimbursement requests:

- Districts will be reimbursed for students eligible for a free/reduced-priced meal (FRP) who are entered into GRR.
- Districts may also be reimbursed (on a prorated basis if necessary) for students who are unable to pay for the exam. Districts must determine the criteria for unable to pay and enter those requests in GRR.

Districts must submit eligible reimbursement requests no later than Sept. 17. With the reduction in funding from the 2021 legislative session for the next biennium, we encourage districts to make sure all students who have taken a college entrance exam and are eligible for reimbursement from this and past administrations have a reimbursement request made.

Resources

More information is in the [Graduation Requirements Records \(GRR\) User Guide](#) and in the *MDE Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) Training*, which is posted in the [Training Management System \(TMS\)](#) on the District Assessment Coordinator tab under the MDE Recorded Webinars category.

Upcoming Opportunities

New DAC Reporting Training 1

The *New DAC Reporting Training 1: Types of Assessments, Reporting Stages, Secure Systems, and District and School Student Results (DSR/SSR) Files* training will be held on Tuesday, July 13, from 2–3:30 p.m. The training will also be recorded and posted in the [Training Management System](#) (TMS).

This is the first of two trainings geared to new DACs about reporting; the second training will be held Aug. 3. The prerequisite for this training is Chapter 11 of the [Procedures Manual](#), which provides an overview of the reports and results available and addresses when and how they can be used and shared.

[Register for the New DAC Reporting Training 1](#). Details for joining the webinar will be provided once participants register.

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