

AN UPDATE FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT—JULY 14, 2021

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DSR/SSR Files Posted

While there was a slight delay in posting final assessment results for ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS, all files are now available in the [District and School Student Results](#) (DSR and SSR). 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. 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 first part of the [2021 Statewide Assessment Reporting Guidance](#), located under the Test Score Interpretation Resources, provides guidance for districts with information on using 2021 results appropriately and in context. The second part is planned to be available near the end of August, prior to the public release of 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.
- The recording of the *New DAC Reporting Training 1: Types of Assessments, Reporting Stages, Secure Systems, and District and School Student Results (DSR/SSR) Files* training and handouts will be available in the [Training Management System \(TMS\)](#) on the District Assessment Coordinator tab under MDE Recorded Webinars by Friday, July 16.

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New DAC Reporting Training 2: Save the Date

The *New DAC Reporting Training 2: Test Results Summary Reports and Public Reporting* training will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 2–3 p.m. The training will also be recorded and posted in the [Training Management System \(TMS\)](#). Registration will be available in next week's *Assessment Update*.

This is the second of two trainings geared to new DACs about reporting; a recording of the first training will be available in the TMS on the District Assessment Coordinator tab under MDE Recorded Webinars by Friday, July 16. The prerequisites for the second training are Chapter 11 of the [Procedures Manual](#) and the *Appropriate and Inappropriate Uses of MCA and ACCESS Results* infographics available on the [District Resources](#) page under the Test Score Interpretation Resources expandable heading.

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ACCESS Scoring Appeal Requests

ACCESS scoring appeals may be requested for either the Writing (paper or online) or Speaking (online only) domains of the grades 1–12 ACCESS when there is a concern that a student's test may have been scored incorrectly. DACs must email mde.testing@state.mn.us with the student's MARSS number (no names or other identifying information) and the rationale for the score appeal. MDE will do an initial review and provide information to the district. If the district chooses to move forward with the scoring appeal, MDE will approve the request and send to DRC. There may be a \$200 fee.

Note: Scoring appeals cannot be requested for Reading or Listening scores or for any domain in which a test code was indicated. Scoring appeals are not applicable for Kindergarten ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS because they contain multiple choice items only.

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Chromebooks and Chrome OS Auto Update Expiration (AUE) Policy

Consult the [Tech Update](#) article below regarding Google’s end-of-support dates in their Auto Update Expiration (AUE) Policy and how it may impact testing on these devices.

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PearsonAccess Next Reports: Planned Unavailability

In preparation for loading the MCA and MTAS 2021 reporting data in PearsonAccess Next, the Historical Student Data and Longitudinal Reports will be unavailable Aug. 11–Sept. 8 in PearsonAccess Next. All current Longitudinal Reports and Historical Student Data will again be available on Sept. 9.

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Tech Update

Chromebooks and Chrome OS Auto Update Expiration (AUE) Policy

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, 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 July 8.) 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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