

AN UPDATE FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT—AUG. 3, 2022

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## Release of Test Results Summary

On Friday, July 29, District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) were informed in a direct communication that embargoed summarized assessment results have been released in Test Results Summary on [Secure Reports](#) page of the MDE website.

An American Indian state definition has been added to Test Results Summary for 2019, 2021, and 2022 data. The Minnesota Department of Education views the count of American Indian Students as defined by the state of Minnesota to be the most accurate and inclusive count of learners in grades K–12. The definition includes both students who self-identify as American Indian and students who self-identify as American Indian and a member of another racial group.

An updated version of the Test Results Summary User Guide, which provides information about the content and format of the reports, is posted on the [Assessment Secure Reports](#) page of the MDE website. If you had already downloaded the user guide prior to today, please discard the older version and use the one currently posted.

Note: You may need to refresh the page or clear your browser’s cache to see the updated data.

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## ***August Q&A Webinar for New DACs***

The August Q&A Webinar for New DACs will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 2–3 p.m. It will focus on reporting and topics addressed in the *New DAC Reporting Training 2: Test Summary Reports and Public Reporting*. Experienced DACs are also welcome to attend. [Register for the August Q&A Webinar for New DACs](#). Registrants will receive a form to collect questions prior to the event.

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## ***Historical Growth Z-Score Data Leaving Academic Rosters August 8***

Beginning on Monday, Aug. 8, the [academic rosters](#) (MDE home page > Data Center > Secure Reports > Academic Rosters) in Accountability Secure Reports will no longer contain students' growth z-score data. These changes will occur at the same time as the 2022 accountability files become available, and they will affect all files.

Schools and districts who want to preserve their historical growth z-score data are encouraged to download the current versions of their academic rosters for desired years prior to August 8.

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## ***New Monthly Newsletter: Educator Edition***

MDE division of Academic Standards, Instruction, and Assessment is creating a new monthly newsletter: the *Educator Edition*. This new communication is aimed at educators and will replace both the *Testing 1, 2, 3 Update* newsletter and the Curriculum Director newsletter beginning in September. The *Educator Edition* will include spotlights on the following topics:

- New MDE resources
- Links to professional learning and other opportunities
- Relevant ideas regarding standards-based classroom instruction and assessments

The *Educator Edition* is the best way to keep up with what is happening in the division of Academic Standards, Instruction, and Assessment.

Current recipients of the Testing 1, 2, 3 or Curriculum Director newsletters will receive the *Educator Edition* automatically.

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## ***Odds and Ends***

Virginie Sanchez, who answers the majority of the phone calls and emails districts have about testing, is out of the office and will be back on Aug. 22. During this time, other assessment staff will be answering questions from districts sent to [mde.testing@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.testing@state.mn.us), and you may see a delayed response time.

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