m1 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Assessment Update

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Assessment Results Remain Embargoed

All assessment results are under embargo until Aug. 30, which is later than past years due to MDE releasing the assessment and accountability results together. During the embargo, districts can use the final assessment results to prepare for questions from the media and local stakeholders. They may share the results with district teachers and staff for planning or instructional purposes, but they may not share the results in public settings. See Chapter 10 of the *Procedures Manual* for more information (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > Policies and Procedures).

MDE will use the North Star accountability system to publicly release results. Visit MDE's School and District Accountability page for more information on North Star (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > School Achievement > School and District Accountability), or send an email to mde.essa@state.mn.us with any questions related to accountability. See the table below for a timeline for the 2018 reporting release.

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF RESOURCE OR EVENT
Wednesday, Aug. 8	Accountability appeals window opens Embargoed accountability results available to districts in Secure Reports around 3 p.m.
Mid-August	Webinar with districts to interpret accountability data and understand appeals process
Friday, Aug. 17	Accountability appeals window closes
Week of Aug. 27	Embargoed recognition information sent to recognized schools
Monday, Aug. 27	Embargoed accountability downloadable data file available in Secure Reports (summary accountability data for all districts) including state, all districts, and all school-level data
Tuesday, Aug. 28	Media receives access to embargoed accountability downloadable data file including state, all districts, and all school-level data
Thursday, Aug. 30	Public release of assessment and accountability results, including school recognition, in Data Center Assessment results available in PearsonAccess Next (MCA/MTAS) and WIDA AMS (ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS) Individual Student Reports (ISRs) arrive in districts

Student Assessment History Report Rollover

The Student Assessment History Report allows districts to look up the testing history for individuals who are enrolled in the district as verified by MARSS (MDE website > Data Center > Secure Reports). The Student Assessment History Report will rollover to the new school year on Aug. 14 (at 4 p.m.), and districts will only have access for students who are included in MARSS enrollment for the 2018–19 school year. Until districts submit MARSS enrollment data for the new school year after MARSS submissions open on Aug. 15, they will not have any data in the Student Assessment History Report.

New WIDA Website

Starting on Aug. 15, WIDA will have a new website and a new URL (wida.wisc.edu). This new site will contain general information about the WIDA suite of assessments, the WIDA Standards, and professional learning. As with the current website, there will be a login to access the WIDA Secure Portal. The Secure Portal will remain largely the same. For more information, view the new WIDA website overview video or contact the WIDA Client Services Center at help@wida.us or 866-276-7735.

Reporting Training from Pearson

On Aug. 22, Pearson will offer a webinar to provide DACs and other interested staff an in-depth review of Published Reports, Longitudinal Reports, and Historical Student Data in PearsonAccess Next. The training will be recorded and posted in the Training Management System (TMS) a few days after the session. The webinar is limited to the first 150 participants. No registration is required.

Join the Pearson webinar on reporting on Aug. 22. Use the following call-in phone number, conference code, and password to join the webinar:

- Date: Wednesday, Aug. 22

- Time: 10–11 a.m.

- Call-in phone number: 877-554-0877

- Conference code: 571 468 0293

- Password: Pearson

2018–19 College Entrance Exam Update

As in past years, districts are required to offer a nationally recognized college entrance exam (ACT or SAT) to grade 11 and 12 students during a 2018–19 school day. Districts must enter into a contract directly with the test vendor; refer to the information below including the ACT updates for 2018–19.

ACT

- **New for 2018–19**:
    - Districts will need to provide ACT the percent of students eligible for free or reduced priced meals to determine if the district will get a reduced price from ACT. Districts are to get the information from the Minnesota Report Card (MDE website > Data Center > Minnesota Report

Card). Under Enrollment, select Demographics and then 2018 Enrollment by Special Populations to find the percentage for Free/Reduced Priced Lunch.

- o Beginning this year, the fees owed will be based on the total number of students included in the district's file(s) in the ACT Online Platform as of the first day of the Makeup Testing Window.

- View information about administration dates, Free/Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP) pricing structure, and complete the enrollment form on the ACT District Testing page.

- Contact April Hansen at april.hansen@act.org with any questions.

College Board

- View administration information on the SAT School Day page.

- Contact Andy Houpt at ahoupt@collegeboard.org with any questions.

Data Analytics Supervisor Job Opening at MDE (repeat)

MDE is hiring a supervisor for the Data Analytics team in Statewide Testing. This position will oversee the data analysis needed to ensure that MDE staff and external stakeholders have access to the data and tools available and assist their interpretation of the data. Several of the data and tools are available in the MDE Data Center and the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS). Additionally, this supervisor will work to ensure that data and evaluation information is available for programs identified by the MDE executive team.

View full details and apply for the Data Analytics Supervisor opening, or visit the Minnesota Careers website (mn.gov/mmb/careers) and search for job ID 25419.

Odds and Ends

- **Longitudinal Reports and Historical Student Data in PearsonAccess Next Unavailable**: In preparation for loading the MCA and MTAS 2018 data in PearsonAccess Next, Longitudinal Reports and Historical Student Data will be unavailable from Aug. 13–29. Updated Longitudinal Reports and Historical Student Data will be available at 8 a.m. on Aug. 30.

- **Job Opportunity with NAEP**: NAEP has short-term job opportunities available from late 2018 through March 2019. Candidates should enjoy working in schools, be detail oriented, and be comfortable working with technology. The research firm Westat oversees the hiring process and offers paid training, mileage reimbursement, and weekly paychecks. Visit the Work NAEP page for more information.