

AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING – OCTOBER 31, 2018

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## DAC Resources

Various [resources for District Assessment Coordinators \(DACs\)](#) are available on MDE's website (MDE > Districts, Schools and Educators > Teaching and Learning > Statewide Testing). See a list of the documents below:

- Resources for all DACs
  - *Resource Overview for District Assessment Coordinators* (a revised version of the *DAC Resource Checklist*)
  - **New:** *Statewide Testing Tasks: A Year At-a-Glance*
- Resources for new DACs
  - **New:** *Getting Started in Your District Assessment Coordinator Role*
  - *New District Assessment Coordinators: Getting Access*
  - **New:** *Key Testing Terms and Acronyms*
- Resource for nonpublic schools: *Nonpublic School Participation in Minnesota Assessments*

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## ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Trainings

Professional Development staff from the WIDA Consortium will conduct the following in-person ACCESS for ELLs test administration trainings. These face-to-face trainings allow participants to get their questions answered and

discuss the test preparation and administration process as a group. *Note: These trainings do not replace the required ACCESS for ELLs Training Courses on the WIDA Secure Portal.*

- **ACCESS for ELLs Test Coordinator Training** is intended for District or School Assessment Coordinators who will set up user accounts, prepare for online testing and test management, verify that all Test Administrators have been appropriately trained, and serve as the “how-to” resource for Test Administrators in their districts and schools.
- **Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Training** is intended for educators who will administer the Kindergarten ACCESS for the first time this year. The Kindergarten ACCESS is a one-on-one paper administration.

These trainings are provided at no cost; lunch is not provided.

Each training is a half-day session. If capacity is reached for a particular session, you will receive a message that the session is closed, and you will need to select another date or time to register. Registration is limited to three people from a district (or charter school) in any session.

DATE	TRAINING AND REGISTRATION	LOCATION
Tuesday, Nov. 27	ACCESS for ELLs: Test Coordinators (8:30 a.m.–noon) <a href="#">Register for the Nov. 27 ACCESS Test Coordinator morning training.</a>  ACCESS for ELLs: Test Coordinators (1–4:30 p.m.) <a href="#">Register for the Nov. 27 ACCESS Test Coordinator afternoon training.</a>	MDE Conference Center B: 1500 Hwy 36 West Rooms 17 & 18 Roseville, MN 55113
Wednesday, Nov. 28	ACCESS for ELLs: Test Coordinators (8:30 a.m.–noon) <a href="#">Register for the Nov. 28 ACCESS Test Coordinator training.</a>  Kindergarten ACCESS: Test Administrators (1–4 p.m.) <a href="#">Register for the Nov. 28 Kindergarten ACCESS training.</a>	MDE Conference Center B: 1500 Hwy 36 West Rooms 17 & 18 Roseville, MN 55113
Thursday, Nov. 29	ACCESS for ELLs: Test Coordinators (8:30 a.m.–noon) <a href="#">Register for the ACCESS Test Coordinator training in St. Cloud.</a>  Kindergarten ACCESS: Test Administrators (1–4 p.m.) <a href="#">Register for the Kindergarten ACCESS training in St. Cloud.</a>	Rasmussen College 226 Park Ave. S Room 109 St. Cloud, MN 56301

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## Ensuring Correct 2017–18 Attendance and Graduation Data

The North Star accountability system includes, among other indicators, measures of consistent attendance and graduation rates. It is important that districts take the opportunity now to ensure student data from the 2017–18 school year is properly reported so attendance and graduation rates are accurate.

Final year-end MARSS files are due to the Minnesota Department of Education by Thursday, Nov. 15. [Download an overview on reviewing and correcting MARSS data.](#)

If you have any questions on reporting data in MARSS, contact [marss@state.mn.us](mailto:marss@state.mn.us). If you have questions about the North Star accountability system, contact [mde.essa@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.essa@state.mn.us).

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## Upcoming Opportunities

### MDE Educator Workshop and Focus Group

MDE will continue their full-day educator workshop (designed for teachers and DACs) around the state with Dr. Michael Rodriguez, Professor of Educational Measurement and Campbell Leadership Chair in Education and Human Development from the University of Minnesota.

The workshop includes a discussion on the formative uses of assessments, practice time with classroom assessments, and an update on the redesign of the Benchmark Reports. The day will conclude with a focus group for teachers on the Testing 1, 2, 3 website and work time for DACs with Dr. Rodriguez.

Lunch will be provided to all participants who attend the full-day workshop.

DATE & REGISTRATION	LOCATION
Tuesday, Nov. 6 <a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Roseville.</a>	Metro Educational Cooperative Service Unit (ECSU): Roseville
Thursday, Nov. 8 <a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Hermantown.</a>	Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium (ARCC): Hermantown
Tuesday, Nov. 13 <a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Rochester.</a>	Southeast Service Cooperative: Rochester

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## *Odds and Ends*

- **Archived Assessment Update:** As a reminder, previous *Assessment Updates* are available on the [Assessment Update page](#) (PearsonAccess Next > MDE Updates > Assessment Update).

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