

AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING – JUNE 27, 2018

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Embargoed Student Results

Embargoed final *District and School Student Results (DSR & SSR)* files for 2018 are now available under [Assessment Secure Reports](#) (MDE website > Data Center > Secure Reports). The results in the DSR and SSR files are under embargo until the public release on Aug. 30.

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 publicly. See the *Sharing Embargoed Results with School Officials* article from the June 20 *Assessment Update* for more information about sharing results with school officials (e.g., school board members).

The [2017–18 District and School Student Results \(DSR and SSR\) User Guide](#) (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > Business and Finance > Data Submissions > Assessment Secure Reports) contains information about the content and format of the DSR and SSR; Chapter 10 of the [Procedures Manual](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > Policies and Procedures) contains more information about using embargoed results.

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2018 Results Reporting

As announced earlier this year, in an effort to provide a more comprehensive message to the public about the new North Star accountability system established under ESSA, MDE will publicly release assessment and accountability results together this year. By doing this, we intend to provide greater context around results and improve public understanding of how Minnesota schools are held accountable under state and federal law. There will be a single public reporting date beginning in August for assessment and accountability. See the table below for a complete reporting release timeline for 2018.

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF RESOURCE OR EVENT
Monday, June 25	Embargoed final student assessment results (<i>District and School Student Results (DSR & SSR)</i>) available to districts in Secure Reports.
Monday, July 23	Embargoed state and district assessment summary results (<i>Test Results Summary</i> and <i>School Improvement Assessment Reports</i>) available to districts in Secure Reports. This includes only your district and school(s) assessment data with the state data.
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). This includes state, all districts, and all school-level data.
Tuesday, Aug. 28	Media receives access to embargoed accountability downloadable data file. This includes 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 Published Reports, Longitudinal Reports, and Historical Student Data in PearsonAccess Next. Individual Student Reports (ISRs) arrive in districts.

As part of this effort, MDE will:

- Include assessment results within the accountability results PowerPoint rather than release an assessment results PowerPoint separately. This allows MDE and districts to provide more context and a deeper understanding of the role assessments have in overall district or school accountability.

- No longer provide assessment-only downloadable data files to districts or the media prior to public release. However, these downloadable data files, which include summary assessment data for all districts, will be available publicly under Assessment and Growth Files on Aug. 30.

Visit MDE's [School and District Accountability page](#) (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > School Achievement > School and District Accountability) for more information on North Star, including a series of e-learning modules, or send an email to mde.essa@state.mn.us with any questions related to accountability.

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Odds and Ends

- **Testing Calendar for 2018–19:** The test dates in the [2018–19 Testing Calendar](#) are final, and the “draft” language has been removed (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > Teaching and Learning > Statewide Testing > Minnesota Tests).
- **Closed Offices and Assessment Update Schedule:** MDE and Pearson will be closed next Wednesday, July 4. There will not be an *Assessment Update* sent on July 4; the next *Assessment Update* will be sent Wednesday, July 11.

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