

AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING—JULY 17, 2019

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Embargoed Test Results Summary

On Monday, July 22, embargoed assessment results will be available in Test Results Summary on the [Secure Reports page](#) (MDE website > Data Center > Secure Reports). All assessment results are under embargo until Aug. 29. 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.

The Test Results Summary reports include final summary data for MCA, MTAS, ACCESS, and Alternate ACCESS. As some functionality was limited the past several months, MDE made updates to the format and fields in the reports to improve the ease of use and make them simpler to work with for districts. In addition, the School Improvement Assessment Report was removed from Secure Reports, and some of the features were incorporated into Test Results Summary. Some of the enhancements are described below:

- Column names have been updated to make it easier to understand which data the columns contain.
- A “Column Definitions” tab has been added to Excel file downloads as a help tab specific to the data for the test selected.
- Updated filter selections allow for easier content selection, and allow for multiple filter selections by grade and student group categories.

Information about the content and format of the Test Results Summary reports will be provided in the updated *Test Results Summary User Guide*, which will be available by Monday, July 22, on the [Assessment Secure Reports Data Submissions page](#) (MDE > Districts, Schools and Educators > Business and Finance > Data Submissions > Assessment Secure Reports).

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Benchmark Reports Removed from PearsonAccess Next

As announced in the June 19 *Assessment Update*, previous benchmark reports (available in PearsonAccess Next under Published Reports) and [benchmark report resources](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Reporting Resources > Additional Reporting Resources) prior to the 2019 test administration will be removed from PearsonAccess Next on Monday, Aug. 26.

The new benchmark reports have been redesigned for 2019 and will be available Monday, Sept. 16. The new reports will use a different calculation method to measure school and district performance on benchmarks. Districts may download previous reports and user guides for their records, but school and district staff **should not** compare 2019 benchmark reports to previous benchmark data.

Future *Assessment Updates* will provide updates on the redesigned benchmark reports, including upcoming webinars and available resources.

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Upcoming Opportunities

WIDA Webinar

WIDA will host the *ACCESS for ELLs: The Speaking Test and How it is Scored* webinar on July 23 at 11 a.m. This webinar will cover:

- Information about ACCESS Online Speaking to improve understanding about the meaning of the test scores
- A detailed overview of test structure, tier placement, and task design
- A sampling of student speaking responses and how they are scored

[Join the ACCESS for ELLs: The Speaking Test and How it is Scored on July 23](#) or see a full list of WIDA webinars in the [WIDA Secure Portal](#) (wida.wisc.edu > Login > WIDA Secure Portal > Online Grades 1–12 > ACCESS Webinars > 2019–20 ACCESS and Screener Webinar Calendar).

WIDA will post a recording of the webinar in the Secure Portal about one week after the live webinar.

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