

AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING – JULY 25, 2018

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embargoed Assessment Summary Results Available • Reimbursement Reports in GRR • Update to DSR/SSR User Guide • Data Analytics Supervisor Job Opening at MDE 	<p>Aug. 8–17: <i>Accountability appeals window</i></p>

Embargoed Assessment Summary Results Available

Embargoed assessment summary results are now available in Test Results Summary in [Secure Reports](#) (MDE website > Data Center > Secure Reports). Updated versions of the two related resources are available on the [Assessment Secure Reports Data Submissions page](#) (MDE > Districts, Schools and Educators > Business and Finance > Data Submissions > Assessment Secure Reports).

- The *2017–18 Test Results Summary User Guide* describes how to access the Test Results Summary files in Secure Reports.
- The *2017–18 Test Results Summary Field Descriptions* document describes the column headers and field descriptions in the Test Results Summary files downloaded as TAB or Excel files.

All assessment results are under embargo until 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).

Note: Assessment summary results are also available in the School Improvement Assessment Reports available at the bottom of the Secure Reports page. There are additional options for filtering on and comparing student groups in this report.

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Reimbursement Reports in GRR

All reimbursement requests for school year 2017–18 must be entered in the Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) system no later than Sept. 14 with a tested date prior to Sept. 1. Districts should confirm expected reimbursements using the available reimbursement reports.

- Use the Claimed Student Detail Report to see which records will be reimbursed (or to see the reason a record will not be reimbursed).
- Use the Estimated Student Amount Report to review the estimated amounts that will be received.
Note: Based on information provided by ACT, the Estimated Student Amount Report has been updated to reflect the correct reimbursable amount for ACT plus Writing (\$61.50, instead of \$62.50).

These reports are refreshed early each morning to reflect the current state of entries in GRR.

Note: students identified as eligible for free and reduced price meals will be reimbursed first and should be reimbursed at full rate. Students unable to pay may be reimbursed on a pro-rated basis depending on number of requests. The Estimated Student Amount report will begin to estimate pro-rated amounts, when applicable, but it will be an estimate until reimbursement requests are finalized.

For more information about requesting reimbursements and using the reports, refer to the updated [Graduation Requirements Records \(GRR\) User Guide](#) (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > Business and Finance > Data Submissions > Graduation Requirements (GRR)).

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Update to DSR/SSR User Guide

In 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), the Achievement Level Codes table on page 22 now includes the correct proficiency level values for the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs. The DSR/SSR files already included these values for the proficiency levels.

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Data Analytics Supervisor Job Opening at MDE

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.

[Use this link to view full details and to apply](#), or visit the [Minnesota Careers website](http://mn.gov/mmb/careers) (mn.gov/mmb/careers) and search for job ID 25419.

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