

AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING – AUGUST 22, 2018

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final 2018 Assessment and Accountability Results Release • Final Reports Delivery • Deadline for Requesting Reimbursement in GRR • MDE Communication with DACs • Ed-Fi for Data Collection (repeat) 	<p>Aug. 27: Embargoed summary accountability data file available in Secure Reports</p> <p>Aug. 30: Public release of assessment and accountability results in the Data Center</p> <p>Aug. 30: Assessment results available in PearsonAccess Next and WIDA AMS</p> <p>Aug. 30: Individual Student Reports (ISRs) arrive in districts</p>

Final 2018 Assessment and Accountability Results Release

Assessment and accountability results will be released to the public on the morning of Aug. 30 in the [Minnesota Report Card](#) (MDE website > Data Center > Minnesota Report Card). Assessment and accountability results are currently available to districts in [Secure Reports](#) and remain under embargo until Aug. 30 (MDE website > Data Center > Secure Reports).

During the embargo, districts may share the results with district teachers and staff for planning or instructional purposes, but may not share the results in public settings. Districts can use the final embargoed results to prepare for questions from the media and local stakeholders, but if a media outlet contacts a district before Aug. 30 regarding the results, the district should redirect them to the MDE Communications division and have them email mde.contactus@state.mn.us or call 651-582-8200. See Chapter 10 of the [Procedures Manual](#) for more information regarding the use of embargoed results (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > Policies and Procedures).

Visit MDE’s [School and District Accountability page](#) for more information on the new North Star accountability system (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 more details on the timeline of the release of data.

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF RESOURCE OR EVENT
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	<p>Public release of assessment and accountability results, including school recognition, in Data Center</p> <p>Assessment results available in PearsonAccess Next (MCA/MTAS) and WIDA AMS (ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS)</p> <p>Individual Student Reports (ISRs) arrive in districts</p>

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Final Reports Delivery

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) for both MCA/MTAS and ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs are scheduled to arrive in districts on Thursday, Aug. 30. (Note: For MCA/MTAS, a few districts may not receive their reports until Friday, Aug. 31.)

The ISR shipment will be sent to districts, and each school will have its own box labeled with the name of the school. For non-public schools, ISRs will be packaged by school and shipped to the non-public school.

MCA/MTAS Reports Shipment

The contents of the box(es) are as follows:

- Packing list of contents (in box 1 for each school)
- Cover memo (in box 1 for each school)
- DVD (Note: 2018 is the last year that the DVD will be included in the shipment)
- MCA and MTAS ISRs
 - Reports will be sorted by grade, subject and test administration (MCA or MTAS).

- To assist with the sorting, each ISR is marked with a color tab according to grade, subject, and assessment. The packing list indicates the sort order and corresponding color tabs.
- Student results labels (if requested)

If you have any questions regarding your shipment, [submit a Pearson help desk request](#) or call the Pearson help desk at 888-817-8659.

ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Reports Shipment

The contents of the box(es) are as follows:

- ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Individual Student Reports (ISRs)
- Student Roster Reports (SRRs)
- Frequency Reports

Descriptions and samples can be found on the [ACCESS for ELLs Scores and Reports page](#) (WIDA website > Assess > ACCESS for ELLs Scores and Reports).

If you have any questions regarding your reports shipment, contact WIDA Client Services at 866-276-7735 or help@wida.us.

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Deadline for Requesting Reimbursement in GRR

The deadline for districts to request reimbursement in the Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) for 2017–18 is Sept. 14. After completing requests for reimbursement, districts use the reimbursement reports (refreshed each morning) to confirm their requests:

- The *Claimed Student Detail Report* details what records will be reimbursed.
- The *Estimated Student Amount Report* gives an estimate of the amount that will be received.

See the [Graduation Requirements Records \(GRR\) User Guide](#) for more information (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > Business and Finance > Data Submissions > Graduation Requirements (GRR)).

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MDE Communication with DACs

With the start of the new school year, please ensure that the [MDE-ORG system](#) contact information is correct and up to date (MDE website > Data Center > Schools and Organizations (MDE-ORG)). If your district has a new District Assessment Coordinator (DAC), ensure MDE-ORG is updated as soon as possible so that MDE can communicate with them about the New DAC Orientation this fall.

MDE automatically sends the weekly *Assessment Update* to all DACs, District Technology Coordinators (DTCs), and Superintendents/Directors based on what is indicated in MDE-ORG. If there is more than one DAC or DTC that needs the *Assessment Update*, they should be added as an Alternate DAC or Assessment Technology Coordinator in MDE-ORG (also included on the distribution list). Any additional staff interested in receiving the *Assessment Update* can send an email to mde.testing@state.mn.us to be added to the distribution list.

All contact information in MDE-ORG is updated and maintained by the district's Site Verification Coordinator (SVC), who is listed in MDE-ORG. If the SVC has any questions about the process, they should contact MaryPat Olsen at mde.school-verify@state.mn.us.

Note: Last year, MDE sent a targeted email to DTCs four times. This year, all technology articles will be in the *Assessment Update*.

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Ed-Fi for Data Collection (repeat)

In an effort to streamline and connect data collection systems, MDE is moving to Ed-Fi, a data standard (or a set of rules) that allow previously disconnected educational data systems to connect. Ed-Fi streamlines the process of adding new data collections to the system in order to meet state and federal reporting requirements, which allows for rapid future growth.

In the next five years, all MARSS WES data elements will be reported through Ed-Fi, and 2022–23 will be the last year of MARSS WES. If you are interested, you can sign up for Ed-Fi as early as this school year (2018–19) by contacting MDE at mde.cas@state.mn.us. MDE will then contact your Student Identification System (SIS) Vendor; SIS Vendors are aware of the upcoming transition. As a part of this process, you will need to include a new racial/ethnic demographic collection form in your 2019–20 enrollment packet. The finalized form (along with a corresponding FAQ and parent letter) will be available in September on the [Counting All Students webpage for Students and Families](#) (MDE website > Students and Families > Programs and Initiatives > Counting All Students).

For more information, visit the [Counting All Students webpage for Districts](#) (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > Business and Finance > Counting All Students).

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