

## AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING – AUGUST 29, 2018

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## Final 2018 Assessment and Accountability Results Release

Assessment and accountability results will be released to the public on Thursday morning, 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 by having them email [mde.contactus@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.contactus@state.mn.us) or call 651-582-8200. See Chapter 10 of the [Procedures Manual](#) for more information about 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](mailto:mde.essa@state.mn.us) with any questions related to accountability.

## Final Reports Delivery

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

**New for 2018:** This year the student reports for the Mathematics MCA will include a Quantile score, which is a scale that measures mathematical concepts and skills that connect assessment scores with instruction. See the [Quantiles website](#) for more information about the Quantiles Framework.

If you have any questions regarding your shipment containing MCA/MTAS reports, [submit a Pearson help desk request](#) or call the Pearson help desk at 888-817-8659. (Note: This is the final year Pearson will send the DVD with ISRs.)

If you have any questions regarding your shipment containing ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs reports, contact WIDA Client Services at 866-276-7735 or [help@wida.us](mailto:help@wida.us).

## PearsonAccess Next

Published Reports for 2018, including Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and rosters, will be available for MCA/MTAS in PearsonAccess Next tomorrow, Aug. 30. Helpful resources are available on the [ISRs Resources page](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Reporting Resources > Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Resources).

Historical Student Data and Longitudinal Reports will also be available in PearsonAccess Next tomorrow and will include 2017–18 data. Quick guides for each of these components are on the [Additional Reporting Resources page](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Reporting Resources > Additional Reporting Resources).

## WIDA and WIDA AMS

Reports for ACCESS and ACCESS for ELLs, including On-Demand Reports and Frequency Reports, will be available tomorrow, Aug. 30, in [WIDA AMS](#) (Log in to WIDA AMS > All Applications > Report Delivery).

There are a variety of resources, including sample reports and an interpretive guide, available for ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs on the [ACCESS for ELLs Scores and Reports page](#) (WIDA website > Assess > ACCESS for ELLs > ACCESS for ELLs Scores and Reports). Many of the parent resources have translated versions available in various languages.

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## *Benchmark Reports in PearsonAccess Next*

The 2018 Benchmark Reports will be available on Sept. 17 in PearsonAccess Next under Reports > Published Reports. Use these reports to help identify relative benchmark performance compared to expected performance based on overall scores. Note: Benchmark reports are not produced when student counts at the school or district level fall below 20.

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## ***Student Assessment History Report***

The [Student Assessment History Report](#) allows districts to look up the testing history for individuals who are enrolled in the district as verified by MARSS (MDE website > Data Center > Secure Reports). The Student Assessment History Report has now rolled over to the 2018–19 school year. As soon as districts submit MARSS information for students currently enrolled, they will be able to use the Student Assessment History Report to look up information for current students.

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## ***Testing Calendars***

The [2018–19 Statewide Testing Calendar](#) is available on MDE’s website (MDE > Districts, Schools and Educators > Teaching and Learning > Statewide Testing > Minnesota Tests > 2018–19 Testing Calendar). Districts may reference the state calendar as they complete the federal and state requirement to post their testing calendar on the district website by the first day of school. Districts are required to supply more detailed information than the state’s testing windows, including the specific day(s) when each grade (by school) will be taking the applicable test(s). For full details, see page 129 of the [2017–18 Procedures Manual](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Resources & Training > Policies and Procedures).

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## ***WIDA eLearning Accounts***

The English Learner Division at MDE is partnering with WIDA to make new on-demand, self-paced eLearning workshops—to support English learner success—available to K–12 education staff. Each Superintendent or Director should designate a District Coordinator (District Learning Coordinator) via the [WIDA eLearning survey](#) by Sept. 14. The District Coordinator for WIDA eLearning Accounts will assign and manage the new WIDA eLearning accounts for the district or charter. The role should be assigned to an individual who can compile and submit a list of the email addresses of all district staff who will need access to this content, and who can manage individual staff requests for access to the WIDA eLearning Center.

Note: This is separate than the district-level account that DACs have for ACCESS testing.

For more information about WIDA eLearning workshops and the role of the District Coordinator for WIDA eLearning Accounts, visit the professional learning section of the [Minnesota’s WIDA page](#) (WIDA > [Under Members/States] > Minnesota).

For more information about assigning a District Coordinator for WIDA eLearning Accounts, please contact the MDE’s EL team at [mde.el@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.el@state.mn.us) or the WIDA help desk at [help@wida.us](mailto:help@wida.us).

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## Odds and Ends

- **WIDA Account Creator Attachment:** MDE and WIDA created a flyer (attached) that overviews the process for creating user accounts for the WIDA website and WIDA AMS (which is different than the account for the WIDA eLearning accounts referenced above). Anyone designated as the District Assessment Coordinator in the MDE-ORG system can email [mde.testing@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.testing@state.mn.us) to request the creation of a district-level account. The DAC can then create other district or school users as needed. Use the attached flyer or visit [Minnesota's WIDA page](#) (WIDA > [Under Members/States] > Minnesota).
- **Reporting Groups in PearsonAccess Next:** On Aug. 31, reporting groups for the 2017–18 test administrations will be removed from PearsonAccess Next.

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## Tech Update

### TestNav Apps Available for the 2018–19 School Year (repeat)

TestNav apps are now available for the 2018–19 school year. Version 1.7.3 of the TestNav apps can be downloaded from the [TestNav 8 Online Support Page](#) (PearsonAccess Next > TestNav 8 Online Support (under Quick Links)) or from the following locations. Prior to testing, ensure that all devices being used for spring 2019 MCA testing have been updated to the latest version.

OS	Download Available
Chrome OS	<a href="#">Chrome Web Store</a>
iOS	<a href="#">iTunes App Store</a>
Windows or Mac desktop	<a href="http://download.testnav.com">download.testnav.com</a>
Android	<a href="#">Google Play Store</a>

Desktop apps and iOS apps will need to be downloaded each year. Android, Chrome, and Windows Store apps (Windows 10 only) will automatically update unless the auto-update feature is disabled.

As previously announced, Pearson will no longer be supporting the following browsers and operating systems beginning in the spring of 2019.

**Browser No Longer Supported:** Firefox ESR 52

**Operating Systems No Longer Supported:**

- Android 5 and 6
- Chrome OS versions 57–66
- iOS versions 10.2 and 10.2.1
- macOS versions 10.9 and 10.10

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

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