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## *SIS and Data Warehouse Preliminary Data Extracts*

Pearson is offering Student Information System (SIS) and data warehouse vendors the opportunity to receive regularly scheduled extracts of preliminary On-Demand test results data for the MCA and MTAS during the 2019 testing window.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 1 p.m., Pearson has received commitments from the following vendors:

- cmERDC (Viewpoint)
- Illuminate Education (eduCLIMBER, IO Education, SchoolCity)
- JMC
- Peridot Solutions (LearnersEdge)
- Region1
- Sourcewell (formerly TIES)

Pearson has contacted the following SIS and data warehouse vendors and is still waiting on commitment:

- Edupoint (Synergy)
- MBA (PowerSchool)
- Skyward
- Tyler Technologies (Schoolmaster)

Keep in mind that **only vendors who have provided commitment to use the extracts to Pearson by this Friday, Sept. 28, will be eligible to receive regularly scheduled extracts for the spring 2019 test administration preliminary data.** If your district would like to use this service, please consider contacting your SIS vendor or data warehouse vendor to express your interest.

SIS and data warehouse vendors can contact Pearson for more information at 888-817-8659 or [submit a help desk request](#).

## **Additional Note Regarding Infinite Campus**

Last week, Infinite Campus sent a memo to all Minnesota Campus districts regarding their plans to build out an import mapping for the On-Demand Report Export and install it on all Campus districts. Infinite Campus is projecting to have this mapping in place by version 1905, in time for districts to begin downloading preliminary data beginning in March. Pearson will not be providing preliminary MCA and MTAS exports directly to Infinite Campus.

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## ***Advisory Panelists Needed***

MDE needs qualified teachers and community members to serve on MCA advisory panels. Each advisory panel member plays an important role in developing quality tests for Minnesota's students. Please forward this information to staff in the district or to community members who may be interested in advisory panel meetings.

For more information about advisory panels and to submit or update your information to the Advisory Panel Registry, view the [Advisory Panels webpage](#) (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > Teaching and Learning > Statewide Testing > Register for Advisory Panels). While teachers comprise the bulk of the advisory panel participants, bias review panels need a wide variety of community members.

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## ***2018–19 College Entrance Exam Requirement***

As in past years, districts are required to offer a nationally recognized college entrance exam (ACT or SAT) to grade 11 and 12 students during a 2018–19 school day. Districts must enter into a contract directly with the test vendor; refer to the information below including the ACT updates for 2018–19.

### **ACT**

- **New for 2018–19:**
  - Districts will need to provide ACT the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced priced meals to determine if the district will get a reduced price from ACT. Districts are to get the information from the [Minnesota Report Card](#) (MDE website > Data Center > Minnesota Report

Card). Under Enrollment, select Demographics and then 2018 Enrollment by Special Populations to find the percentage for Free/Reduced Priced Lunch.

- Beginning this year, the fees owed will be based on the total number of students included in the district's file(s) in the ACT Online Platform as of the first day of the Makeup Testing Window. Districts, however, may only request reimbursement for students who take the exam.
- View information about administration dates, Free/Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP) pricing structure, and complete the enrollment form on the [ACT District Testing page](#).
- Contact April Hansen at [april.hansen@act.org](mailto:april.hansen@act.org) with any questions.

## College Board

- View administration information on the [SAT School Day page](#).
- Contact Andy Houpt at [ahoupt@collegeboard.org](mailto:ahoupt@collegeboard.org) with any questions.

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## ***WIDA AMS Account Updates***

Accounts in WIDA AMS were recently updated to the current school year. Everyone with a WIDA AMS user account should have received an email stating that their WIDA AMS profile has been updated. For anyone who did not receive the email, they can verify their account has been updated by ensuring that the 2018–2019 Administration is available in the WIDA AMS Administration drop-down menu.

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## ***Upcoming Opportunities***

### **New DAC Orientation**

In October, MDE and Pearson will provide a New DAC Orientation. Though designed as an introduction for new DACs in their first or second year, other relatively new DACs are also welcome to attend. MDE will present on the roles and responsibilities of a DAC, the assessments included in the Minnesota Assessments, relevant MDE systems, available resources, and training opportunities. Pearson will present on PearsonAccess Next, TestNav, and reporting resources.

Note: For those who cannot make it to an in-person training, there will be a webinar option for the MDE portion of the webinar. Pearson's portion will be posted in the Training Management System as a recorded training.

Each session will be from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. Morning refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.

DATE & REGISTRATION	LOCATION
Monday, Oct. 8 9 a.m.–noon <a href="#">Register for the New DAC orientation webinar.</a>	Webinar (MDE portion only)
Tuesday, Oct. 9 9 a.m.–3 p.m. <a href="#">Register for the Mankato orientation.</a>	Courtyard: Mankato Gallery A 901 Raintree Rd. Mankato, MN 56001
Wednesday, Oct. 10 9 a.m.–3 p.m. <a href="#">Register for the St. Cloud orientation.</a>	Courtyard: St. Cloud 5th Ave. Room 404 West Germain St. St. Cloud, MN 56301
Thursday, Oct. 11 9 a.m.–3 p.m. <a href="#">Register for the Roseville orientation.</a>	Minnesota Department of Education Conference Center A: Rooms 13 & 14 1500 Hwy 36 West Roseville, MN 55113

## Interpreting ACCESS Score Reports for Instruction Training

Professional Development staff from the WIDA Consortium will conduct in-person trainings at three locations around the state focused on interpreting the ACCESS score reports for instruction. The intended audience for this training is EL educators and coordinators.

Participants will examine the different types of reports and their connection to the WIDA English Language Development Standards Framework, as well as how these reports can serve as a tool to initiate discussion on instruction.

Registration is limited to two people from a district or charter school. Each session will be from 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m.

DATE & REGISTRATION	LOCATION
Tuesday, Oct. 16 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. <a href="#">Register for the ACCESS training in St. Cloud.</a>	Rasmussen College: St. Cloud Rooms 104/106 226 Park Ave. S St. Cloud, MN 56301

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<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, Oct. 17 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Register for the ACCESS training at MDE.</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minnesota Department of Education Conference Center B: Rooms 17 &amp; 18 1500 Hwy 36 West Roseville, MN 55113</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, Oct. 18 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Register for the ACCESS training in North Mankato.</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC) Conference Center 2075 Lookout Dr. North Mankato, MN 56003</p>

## MDE Educator Workshop and Focus Group

This fall, MDE will provide a full-day workshop designed for teachers and DACs at various locations across the state and will be joined by Dr. Michael Rodriguez, Professor of Educational Measurement and Campbell Leadership Chair in Education and Human Development from the University of Minnesota. The workshop will include a discussion on the formative uses of assessments, practice time with classroom assessments, and an update on the redesign of the Benchmark Reports.

The day will finish with a focus group for teachers on the Testing 1, 2, 3 website and work time for DACs with Dr. Rodriguez. The Testing 1, 2, 3 website is a website in development for educators through a grant given to Minnesota with specific instruction to create a website where teachers could access data, learn how to interpret data, and use the data to inform educational and instructional decisions. Testing 1, 2, 3 will officially launch this winter; pages and documents may continue to be revised based on feedback and focus groups. Additional information on the website will be provided in the *Assessment Update* when the site launches.

Lunch will be provided to all participants who attend the full-day workshop.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, Oct. 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Marshall.</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Southwest West Central Service Cooperative (SW/WC): Marshall</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, Oct. 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in North Mankato.</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">South Central Service Cooperative: North Mankato</p>

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<p>Monday, Oct. 29  <a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in St. Cloud.</a></p>	<p>Resource Training and Solutions: St. Cloud</p>
<p>Tuesday, Oct. 30  <a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Fergus Falls.</a></p>	<p>Lakes Country Service Cooperative: Fergus Falls</p>
<p>Wednesday, Oct. 31  <a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Staples.</a></p>	<p>Sourcewell (previously known as National Joint Powers Alliance): Staples</p>
<p>Thursday, Nov. 1  <a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Thief River Falls.</a></p>	<p>Northwest Service Cooperative: Thief River Falls</p>
<p>Tuesday, Nov. 6  <a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Roseville.</a></p>	<p>Metro Educational Cooperative Service Unit (ECSU): Roseville</p>
<p>Thursday, Nov. 8  <a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Hermantown.</a></p>	<p>Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium (ARCC): Hermantown</p>
<p>Tuesday, Nov. 13  <a href="#">Register for the Educator Workshop and Focus Group in Rochester.</a></p>	<p>Southeast Service Cooperative: Rochester</p>

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## Odds and Ends

- GRR Reimbursement:** Last week, MDE provided reimbursement to districts that made qualifying requests in the Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) by Sept. 14. The payment was identified with “ACT/SAT REIM,” followed by the date, and a unique number (e.g. 0000039). The payment also contained the explanation of GRR-REIMBURSEMENT.

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