

# TESTING 123

Updates for teachers from the MDE Statewide Testing Division

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## Testing 1-2-3 Update!

[Testing 1, 2, 3](#) is a new website for teachers still in the development phase. The *Teacher Newsletter* has changed its name to *Testing 1-2-3 Update* to align with the new website and keep teachers better informed.

## Important Dates

**May 10:** Last day of the testing window for Science MCA

**May 20:** Retrieve early student-level results for ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS in Test WES

## Testing Windows Closing Soon

May 10 is the close of the testing window for Science MCA. All online testing for Science MCA must be completed by 5 p.m. on May 10. All student responses in paper Science MCA large print or braille test books must be entered online by 7 p.m. on May 10.

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## Preliminary Student-Level Results

For MCA and MTAS, preliminary student-level assessment results are available in PearsonAccess Next (under Reports > On-Demand Reports) within 60 minutes after testing or data entry. These results in PearsonAccess Next are considered preliminary. It is up to the district to determine how preliminary student results will be shared. Please contact your District Assessment Coordinator for your district's policy on sharing preliminary results.

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## WIDA Secure Portal Changes

As a follow-up to the redesign of the WIDA public website, WIDA is preparing to make some changes to enhance usability and security of the WIDA Secure Portal. Starting on June 10, when a user logs in to the WIDA Secure Portal, they will be prompted to update their username to their work email.

Contact WIDA Client Services at [help@wida.us](mailto:help@wida.us) or 866-276-7735 with any questions.

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## Release of 2018 Graduation Rates

In early March, MDE informed districts that 2018 graduation rates would be released later than usual. This is due to applying additional data privacy rules to protect personally identifiable information in reported data—as MDE values both transparent reporting and data privacy. While working to finalize the new additional data privacy rules, a decision was made to release 2018 graduation data with the privacy rules used in the past. Graduation data was publicly released on Tuesday, April 23.

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## Grade 3 Teacher Feedback on Student Resources

MDE sent a short survey link to District Assessment Coordinators in late April to forward to grade 3 teachers regarding the effectiveness of student resources. If you are a grade 3 teacher who has been asked to complete this survey, MDE would greatly appreciate your participation.

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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.

During the school year, a school is reimbursed for substitute costs for a teacher serving on a panel. Retired teachers and non-teachers (or teachers participating on non-contract days) receive an honorarium. During the summer, school employees not under contract receive the honorarium. All participants are reimbursed within guidelines for travel and meals (and lodging, if necessary).

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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## Statewide Testing's Mission

To design, develop, and implement a system of assessment so Minnesota students, parents, teachers, administrators, legislators and taxpayers will have access to valid and reliable data to support and improve education in Minnesota.



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