

AN UPDATE FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT — JUNE 26, 2024

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Embargoed Student Results in Secure Reports

Final student-level ACCESS, MCA, and MTAS assessment results are scheduled to be available in the [District and School Student Results](#) (DSR and SSR) files on June 28. These results will be under embargo until the public release of assessment results on Aug. 29. During the embargo, districts can use final assessment results to prepare for questions from the media and local stakeholders. It is up to the district to determine whether or not to share embargoed assessment data with students, families, and staff for instructional purposes. Preliminary or embargoed results cannot, however, be discussed in public forums, reflected in public meeting minutes (such as school board meetings), or shared with the general public or media until the final assessment results have been released publicly.

Notes:

- Final WIDA Alternate ACCESS student-level results will not be included at this time due to additional standard setting steps needed for a new assessment. These results will be available on Sept. 24.
- Demographic data for American Indian students may be impacted due to the timing of the district and charter appeals process for state identification of American Indian students.

Additional Resources

The following resources are available to support districts with using and understanding the results:

- Chapter 11 of the [Procedures Manual](#) provides guidelines for using the assessment data and abiding by the embargo.

- The *2023–24 District and School Student Results (DSR and SSR) User Guide* is posted on the [Assessment Secure Reports](#) page. It provides information on the content and file format of the DSR and SSR files, as well as how to access them in Secure Reports.
- The *Statewide Assessments: Using District and School Student Results (DSR and SSR) Files* is a one-page resource that provides information for district staff about using the DSR/SSR files. This resource is posted on the [District Resources page](#) (under the Test Score Interpretation Resources expandable heading).
- The *New DAC Reporting Training 1: Secure Systems, Reporting Stages, and DSR/SSR Files* will be posted in the LMS on June 28.

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Phishing Emails

An important reminder to all districts about phishing emails: Phishing is when a cyber-criminal sends you a fake email from a seemingly reputable source with a message designed to trick you into revealing sensitive information or downloading a virus. Districts will never receive emails from mde.testing@state.mn.us or other MDE agencies requesting your login information or requiring you to select a verification link within a short time-frame (such as 24 hours). Follow your district's protocol for reporting any suspicious emails.

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MDE Employment Opportunities

Student Pathways Analyst

The Data Practices and Analytics division is currently seeking a full-time Student Pathways Analyst to enhance overall knowledge of K–12 educational programs and their outcomes through expanded use of the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data Systems (SLEDS) data and reports.

If you are interested (or know someone who may be interested) in a new and challenging opportunity, consult the position description and application instructions on the State of Minnesota Careers website. The Job ID is 77525, and the **posting is open until July 5**. Visit the [State of Minnesota Careers](#) website for more information and to apply.

Minnesota Student Survey Specialist

The Data Practices and Analytics division is currently seeking a full-time Minnesota Student Survey Specialist to be the cross-agency expert of the Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) and lead the execution of the large-scale triennial survey.

If you are interested (or know someone who may be interested) in a new and challenging opportunity, consult the position description and application instructions on the State of Minnesota Careers website. The Job ID is 77721, and the **posting is open until July 17**. Visit the [State of Minnesota Careers](#) website for more information and to apply.

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Odds and Ends

MDE will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day. There will be no *Assessment Update* on July 3.

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