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DSR/SSR Update

Final student-level ACCESS, MCA, and MTAS District and School Student Results (DSR and SSR) files now include updated demographic data for districts and charters who completed the appeals process for state identification of American Indian students. Don't forget that these results will be under embargo until the public release of assessment results on Aug. 29.

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New Guidance on Administering WIDA Screener to Students who are Blind/Visually Impaired and/or Deaf/Hard of Hearing

A new guidance document is available to provide WIDA's recommendations for IEP/504 plan teams to consider when administering WIDA Screener to a student who is blind or visually impaired (BVI), or who is deaf or hard of hearing (DHH). It includes general administration guidance, specific considerations for students who are BVI or DHH, and a short list of resources for more information. This resource can be found in the WIDA Secure Portal

by selecting Resources and then filtering by Accessibility and Accommodations or any screener assessment. A link to the resource will also be included in the *2024–25 Accessibility and Accommodations Manual* (coming soon). For questions about this document, please contact the WIDA Client Services Center at help@wida.us.

2024–25 WIDA Screener Online Administration Now Open

The 2024–25 WIDA Screener Online administration opened in WIDA AMS on June 28. The following resources will help you get ready for the upcoming school year:

- Hear all about this year's WIDA AMS updates: Watch the WIDA AMS and DRC Technical Enhancements for 2024–25 webinar recording, located on the Webinars page in the WIDA Secure Portal.

- Prepare to administer WIDA Screener: The 2024–25 WIDA Screener training courses are now available in the WIDA Secure Portal. Refer to the WIDA Minnesota page for more information about training and certification requirements.

- Import students correctly in WIDA AMS: Make sure to use the correct WIDA Student Import sample file and file layout for 2024–25. This year's layout includes a new column A to indicate whether the import is for ACCESS or WIDA Screener. Find the file layout and instructions in WIDA AMS in the online help feature of Import Management.

- Know where to go for more support:

  o Select the Knowledge Articles button on the WIDA AMS landing page to access a library of in-depth information on a variety of topics.

  o Access DRC's Online Help feature from within an application for step-by-step instructions on how to complete tasks in Import, Student or Test Management, the Test Monitoring Application, or Reporting Services. Select the question mark icon in the upper right corner of the application to get started.

  o Still need assistance? Contact DRC Customer Service at (855) 787-9615 or wida@datarecognitioncorp.com.

Summer WIDA and DRC Webinars

WIDA and DRC will be hosting the following webinars in July and August:

- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten, July 23, 1–2 p.m.

- WIDA Screener Online and Paper, Aug. 6, 1–2 p.m.

- Understanding 2023–24 WIDA Alternate ACCESS score reports, Aug. 27, 1–2 p.m.

More information, including the webinar links, can be found in the WIDA Secure Portal on the Webinars page. The recordings for WIDA Webinars are posted on the Webinars page within a week of the presentation.

Learning Management System Maintenance

The Learning Management System (LMS) will be unavailable Friday, July 12 (8:30 p.m.) – Saturday, July 13 (10 a.m.) for maintenance and updates. Following the update, the LMS Learner interface will have an updated design.

MDE Employment Opportunity

Minnesota Student Survey Specialist (repeat)

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.

Tech Update

2024–25 WIDA AMS Technology Documentation

The new DRC enhancements and standing annual technology updates were released on June 27. Updated documentation, user guides, and installation links are available in WIDA AMS, within My Applications > General Information > Documents.

- For an overview of all 2024–25 enhancements, watch the WIDA AMS and DRC Technical Enhancements for 2024–2025 webinar recording located in the WIDA Secure Portal under Webinars.

- The *Technology User Guide* (TUG) includes information for installing DRC INSIGHT and Central Office Services, network requirements, and also includes testing device specific installation instructions. The TUG can be found in WIDA AMS under My Applications > General Information > Documents.

Detailed information on DRC Enhancements and Annual Technology Updates was also included in an email sent to all DACs from DRC Customer Support on July 3.

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