

AN UPDATE FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT — JULY 24, 2024

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Embargoed Test Results Summary

On Friday, July 26, embargoed assessment results will be available in Test Results Summary on the [Secure Reports](#) page of the MDE website. The Test Results Summary reports include final summary data for MCA, MTAS, and ACCESS. All assessment results continue to be under embargo until Aug. 29. During the embargo, districts can use the final assessment results to prepare for questions from the media and local stakeholders. They may share the results with district teachers and staff for planning or instructional purposes but may not share the results publicly.

The following resources will be available to support districts:

- The *2023–24 Test Results Summary User Guide* is posted on the [Assessment Secure Reports Data Submissions](#) page and provides data and format information about the summary files available for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 test administrations at the school and district level.
- The *Statewide Assessments: Using Test Results Summary* one-page resource will be posted on the [District Resources](#) page (under the Test Score Interpretation Resources expandable heading) and includes information about the summary files for district staff.

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ACCESS Alternate Composite Calculations

As communicated in the May 15 *Assessment Update*, MDE provides an alternate composite calculation for English Learners with Disabilities (ELSWD) who are not able to participate in one or more domains (listening,

speaking, reading, or writing) of the ACCESS assessment due to the student’s disability AND who meet all of the following criteria:

- The student must have received a valid score for each completed domain
- The domain(s) in which the student cannot participate must have a test code of special education deferred (SPD)
- The student must have completed (received a valid score) on at least two domains

At this time, MDE has directly contacted the District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) at each district with one or more students who were eligible to receive an alternate composite calculation. If your district was not contacted, you did not have any eligible students for this year. If you have questions about alternate composite calculations or exit pathways for ELSWD, contact mde.el@state.mn.us.

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PearsonAccess Next Reports: Planned Unavailability

In preparation for loading the MCA and MTAS 2024 reporting data in PearsonAccess Next, the following data will be unavailable July 26–Aug. 28:

- Longitudinal Reports in [PearsonAccess Next](#) (login required) under Reports > Longitudinal Reports.
- Historical Student Data in [PearsonAccess Next](#) (login required) under Reports > Historical Student Data.

The following data is currently unavailable through Aug. 28:

- Subscore Reports on the [PearsonAccess Next website](#).

All current Longitudinal Reports, Historical Student Data, and Subscore Reports will again be available on Aug. 29.

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Upcoming Opportunities

DAC Reporting Training 2 (repeat)

On July 26, MDE will post the *New DAC Reporting Training 2* to the [Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#). This is the second of two reporting trainings that are designed to support new DACs through the reporting stages and will focus on the Test Results Summary and the public release of results. The prerequisites for this training include:

- Chapter 11 (Statewide Assessment Results) from the [Procedures Manual](#)

- *Appropriate and Inappropriate Uses of MCA Results* and *Appropriate and Inappropriate Uses of ACCESS Results* infographics posted on the [District Resources](#) page (under the Test Score Interpretation Resources expandable heading)
- *New DAC Reporting Training 1*, which was posted to the LMS on June 28 and covers MDE's secure systems, reporting stages, and DSR/SSR files

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