

AN UPDATE FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT — AUG. 14, 2024

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Assessment Results Release • Final Individual Student Reports Delivery • MDE Employment Opportunity (repeat) • Tech Update 	<p>Aug. 26: Embargoed statewide summary results available</p> <p>Aug. 29: Public release of final assessment and accountability results on MDE website</p> <p>Aug. 29: Individual Student Reports (ISRs) arrive in districts (unless a district declined to receive paper copies for MCA/MTAS)</p> <p>Aug. 29: ACCESS results available in WIDA AMS</p> <p>Aug. 29: MCA and MTAS Published Reports available in PearsonAccess Next (Longitudinal Reports, Historical Student Data, and Subscore Reports are also available Aug. 29)</p>

Final Assessment Results Release

Assessment and accountability results will be released to the public on Thursday, Aug. 29. The public assessment results will be available in two places on the MDE website for families, educators, and community members:

- The [Minnesota Report Card](#) allows users to create graphs and tables to view results for various groups of students across the state and within districts and schools. A [Minnesota Report Card User Guide](#) (select the Using the Report Card menu choice) provides information on interpreting and using the data on the Report Card.
- The [Assessment Files](#) (MDE website > Data Center > Data Reports and Analytics) provides summary assessment data for the state, counties, districts, and schools and are available as Excel (xlsx) files. An updated [Assessment Files User Guide](#) (linked in the overview paragraph located at the top of the Assessment Files page) will be posted by the release date and includes information about the format and content of the files; information is also available on the last tab of each file.

For general information about the public release, contact MDE's Communication division at mde.communications@state.mn.us. For more information about accountability results or calculations, visit MDE's [School and District Accountability page](#), or contact Michael Diedrich at mde.essa@state.mn.us with any questions.

Reporting Reminders

As the public results release date approaches, keep the following reminders in mind:

- Comparing data in Secure Reports:
 - The DSR/SSR files contain individual student results, such as student test scores, ACCESS proficiency levels, MCA/MTAS achievement levels, and other demographic information. The DSR/SSR data can be filtered and analyzed within the district or school, and the files can be used to upload statewide assessment results into student information systems.
 - The Test Results Summary Reports are created by aggregating the individual student-level data. The Test Results Summary Reports contain no individual student data, but can be used to pull information about specific groups of students and the different tests at the school, district, and state level. The summary includes aggregate data on student characteristics, achievement or proficiency levels, and test scores. School and district results can be compared against the statewide data, as well as against summary results from previous years.
 - Aggregated school or district data from the DSR/SSR files compared with the aggregated Test Results Summary data may result in student counts that do not match. The DSR/SSRs include all students who tested, while the Test Results Summary includes only those students who are required to test. For example, students indicated in enrollment data as foreign exchange or homeschool who tested are not included in Test Results Summary data, as they are not required to test.
- Filters and student privacy protections in place in the Report Card:
 - As this is a public report, student privacy protections are in place, which means that student groups with N count less than 10 will show CTSTR (count too small to report).
 - The Students Included: All Tested filter in the Minnesota Report Card should match what districts see in the Test Results Summary.
 - The Students Included: Only those meeting enrollment criteria should match what districts see in the North Star accountability report.

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Final Individual Student Reports Delivery

Final Individual Student Reports (ISRs) for both MCA/MTAS and ACCESS are scheduled to arrive in districts on Thursday, Aug. 29. Note: Due to additional steps required for a new assessment, reporting for the WIDA Alternate ACCESS is delayed until this fall.

- ISRs for ACCESS will be provided for all students who participated. For students who had a test code indicated for one or more domains, N/A will be reported on the ISR for the domain(s) and all associated composite scores.
- ISRs for MCA/MTAS will be provided for all students who participated. For students who did not participate, the ISR will show why results are not included (for example, parent or student refusal test code indicated or not complete).

Since ISRs contain private student data, it is important for districts to ensure someone is available to receive the reports and secure them until distribution. The final reports shipment will be sent to districts, and each school will have its own box labeled with the school name. For nonpublic schools, final reports will be packaged and shipped directly to each school.

ACCESS Reports Shipment

The boxes will include the following reports for ACCESS:

- Individual Student Reports (ISRs)
- Student Roster Reports
- District and School Frequency Reports

The following resources for families are available on WIDA's website:

- Customizable [ACCESS for ELLs parent letters](#) are available in the same languages as the ACCESS ISRs. They provide general information about the ACCESS and are available in Word format so that they can be customized at the district with local test administration information and state or district policies as desired. In addition, the [ACCESS for ELLs: Understanding Your Child's Scores](#) flyer helps explain ACCESS scores and the ISR to families.

The following resources for district and school staff are available on WIDA's website:

- The [ACCESS for ELLs Interpretive Guide for Score Reports](#) provides an overview of the various types of score reports, explain how scores are calculated, and describes how to use proficiency level and scale scores to support students' language growth.
- Find sample score reports and additional information about ACCESS scores on the [ACCESS for ELLs Scores and Reports](#).

If you have any questions regarding your shipment, contact DRC Customer Service at WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com or 855-787-9615.

MCA/MTAS Reports Shipment

The boxes will include the following:

- Packing list of contents and cover memo (in box 1 for each school)
- ISRs for MCA and MTAS
 - Reports will be sorted by grade and test administration (MCA or MTAS).
 - To assist with the sorting, each ISR is marked with a color tab according to grade, subject, and assessment. The packing list indicates the sort order and corresponding color tabs.
- Student results labels, if requested in Test WES. (If not requested, PDFs of student labels are also available to download in Published Reports in a format ready for label printing.)

Resources for families and staff are still being updated. Links to these resources will be provided in a future *Assessment Update*.

If you have any questions regarding your shipment, submit a [Pearson help desk request](#) or call the Pearson help desk at 888-817-8659. If you have any questions about the data reported on the ISR, contact mde.testing@state.mn.us.

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MDE Employment Opportunity (repeat)

Math Assessment Specialist

The Academic Standards, Instruction, and Assessment Division is currently seeking a Mathematics Assessment Specialist to join the Test Development team. This position will provide direction, leadership, coordination, consultation and program services to school districts and to the Academic Standards, Instruction, and Assessment Division to facilitate the development of the statewide mathematics assessment and implementation of state academic standards in mathematics. This position will serve as the state expert and primary resource for the K–12 mathematics assessment. If you or someone you know 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 78899, and the posting is open until Aug. 22. Visit the [State of Minnesota Careers](#) website for more information and to apply.

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Tech Update

TestNav Apps Available for the 2024–25 School Year

TestNav apps for the 2024–25 school year are now available. Version 8.23.X of the TestNav apps can be downloaded from the [TestNav 8 Online Support Page](#) or from the following locations.

Prior to testing, ensure all devices being used for Spring 2025 online testing have been updated to the latest version. Desktop apps (Windows, Mac, and Linux) need to be downloaded and re-installed each year. Chrome, iOS, and Windows Store apps auto update unless the auto-update feature is disabled. If TestNav was not previously installed, instructions for your OS can be found on the [Set up and Use TestNav](#) page on PearsonAccess Next.

Devices/OS	Supported Versions	Download Available	Setup Instructions
Tablets, Chromebooks, Chromeboxes			
Chrome OS	Stable Channel (S) 124+ Long Term Support (LTS) 120+	From Chrome Web Store	Set Up TestNav on ChromeOS
iPadOS	16.x, 17.3 See more info on iPadOS 17	From the App Store	Set Up TestNav on iPadOS
Laptops, Desktops			
Windows	10 x64 - 21H2, 22H2 11 x64 - 21H2, 22H2	From TestNav downloads or Windows Store	Set Up TestNav on Windows
Mac OS	13, 14	From TestNav downloads	Set Up TestNav on macOS
Linux	Fedora 39 x64, 40 x64 Ubuntu 24.04 LTS x64	From TestNav downloads	Set Up TestNav on Linux

Review the [TestNav System Requirements](#) for more information about what is supported for the 2024–25 school year. If you have any questions, please contact the Pearson help desk at 888-817-8659 or [submit a Pearson help desk request](#).

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