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# 2020 Extended ACCESS Testing Window Participation

The extended spring 2020 testing window for ACCESS is being provided as an option **only** for English learners (ELs) who would have been eligible to exit a Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) based on previous scores and/or their other completed domain scores this past spring – **not** all ELs who were unable to complete testing last spring. The decision to participate in this extended testing window is determined by the district. Further details on student eligibility are included in the *2020 Extended ACCESS Testing Window* on the Minnesota page of the WIDA website.

## Additional Q&A Webinars for the Extended ACCESS Testing Window

MDE will host Q&A webinars for questions districts have as they plan for this extended test administration. Use the links below to join the webinars; no registration is required:

- Q&A Webinar #2: Wednesday, Aug 12, 1–2 p.m.

- Q&A Webinar #3: Thursday, Sept. 10, 9–10 a.m.

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# College Entrance Exam Reimbursement Requests

Requests for reimbursement for eligible students who took a college entrance exam (ACT or SAT) by June 30, 2020, should be entered in the Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) system no later than Sept. 11.

A *Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) User Guide* and GRR training (available in the Training Management System on the District Assessment Coordinator tab under MDE Recorded Webinars) are available.

# *PearsonAccess Next Reporting*

Due to the low number of MCA and MTAS tests completed, there is no summary data at the school, district, or state level available for 2020, which affects report availability in PearsonAccess Next. Refer to the *2020 Statewide Assessment Reporting Guidance Due to COVID-19* for answers to common questions about 2020 reporting; this guidance is located on the COVID-19 Updates web page under "Guidance for Districts and Schools."

## Published Reports

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) with final assessment results for the 2020 MCA and MTAS test administrations will be provided only for students who had at least one valid score in at least one of the subjects tested; an ISR will not be provided if students did not receive a valid score in any subject. ISRs will be posted in Published Reports in PearsonAccess Next on Aug. 20 in the following groupings:

- ISRs by grade and subject posted by school
- **New for 2019–20**: Individual Student Reports (ISRs) – Separated by Student: A zipped file of individual student reports separated by student posted by district and school.

Note: Minnesota percentile rank, growth, and average scores are not available on the 2020 ISRs.

The following reports for 2020 are unavailable in Published Reports:

- Rosters
- Benchmark Reports

Note: Access to the Combined On-Demand Report will be removed on Aug. 20 when final results are available in PearsonAccess Next.

## Longitudinal Reports/Exports and Historical Student Data

Longitudinal Reports are not available as no summary data at the school, district, or state level are available for 2020. However, Longitudinal Exports will be available starting Aug. 20, as individual student results are available for 2020. Historical Student Data will also be available starting Aug. 20, but the data is very limited.

## Reporting Resources

The following user guides for 2019–20 are now available on the Additional Reporting Resources page:

- Longitudinal Reports and Export User Guide
- Historical Student Data User Guide
- Published Reports Quick Guide

Note: While MCA Benchmark Reports for 2020 are not available, 2019 benchmark report resources are still available on this page and will not be updated for 2020.

Updated resources for ISRs will be available on the Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Resources page in August.

# New Report Focusing on American Indian Students

MDE is excited to announce that there will be a new report focusing solely on state-identified American Indian students released this August. This report will be located under "Assessment and Accountability" within Data Reports and Analytics on the MDE Data Center. This report will contain five individual download files including:

- Attendance

- Graduation

- Student Characteristics

- Standards-Based Assessments

- Standards-Based Assessments Non-Tested Students

This report represents American Indian students, as identified by the state definition, some of whom have not traditionally been included under the federal definition "American Indian or Alaska Native." MDE will also be releasing a user guide to assist in interpretation and use of the information contained within this new report.

# Tech Update

The following sections provide updated information for Pearson technology requirements for the 2020–21 school year. Refer to the July 1, 2020 *Assessment Update* for DRC technology requirements for the 2020–21 school year.

## TestNav Apps Available for the 2020–21 School Year

TestNav apps for the 2020–21 school year are now available. Version 1.9.X of the TestNav apps can be downloaded from the TestNav 8 Online Support Page or from the following locations.

| OS | Download Available |
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| Chrome OS | Chrome Web Store |
| iOS | iTunes App Store |
| Windows desktop | download.testnav.com for all supported Windows; also available through the Windows Store for Windows 10 |
| Mac desktop | download.testnav.com |

| OS | Download Available |
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| Linux desktop | download.testnav.com |

Prior to spring 2021 MCA testing, ensure that all devices being used for testing have been updated to the latest version.  Desktop apps need to be downloaded and re-installed each year. Chrome, iOS, and Windows Store apps (Windows 10 only) will auto update unless the auto-update feature is disabled. If TestNav was not previously installed, find instructions for your OS on the Set up and Use TestNav page.

## Operating System (OS) Support for 2020–21

Pearson plans to drop support for the following operating systems (OS) and browser versions below for the 2020–21 school year. Note: Browsers are only used for accessing item samplers and student tutorials.

OS versions no longer supported:

- Chrome OS 82 and below
- macOS 10.12

Note: Pearson has temporarily delayed dropping support for Windows 7 and 8.1. There are no planned changes in support for iOS or Linux operating systems for 2020–21.

Browser versions no longer supported:

- Chrome 82 and below
- Firefox 62 and below
- Safari 11.x and below

Review the TestNav System Requirements page for more information about what is supported for the 2020–21 school year. If you have any questions, please contact the Pearson help desk at 1-888-817-8659 or submit a Pearson help desk request.

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