

Statewide Assessments: Using District and School Student Results (DSR and SSR) Files

MCA, MTAS, ACCESS, Alternate ACCESS

The District and School Student Results (DSR and SSR) files provide **detailed, final student-level data** for districts and charter schools to keep as official results.

- Available in **late June** on the MDE website in Secure Reports
- All students with a test record included
- Accessed by specific test or combined for MCA/MTAS
- Available in Excel or tab-delimited text formats
- Option to download by individual school
- User guide and help tabs within the files are available



The data is **embargoed**, which means it cannot be shared until the MDE public release of results. However, there are many ways to use this data during the embargo:

- Import into student information or data systems
- Share with district and school staff for curriculum and instructional purposes
- Prepare communication for media and stakeholders about summary-level results



These files offer flexibility to analyze student-level data. Use these results in **context** with:

- Formative and classroom assessment data
- Information that is only available at the local level (e.g., programs, demographics)
- Information specific to your district or school (e.g., learning models, attendance)



Since March 2020, educators and students experienced significant and profound changes in teaching and learning, as well as social and emotional well-being. It is important to keep this in mind when interpreting assessment results, as these changes are reflected in student scores but are difficult to account for accurately.

Monitor Implementation of Standards

- The standards define the expectations for student learning and instruction.
- Statewide assessments represent a snapshot of student learning of the standards.
- Public schools and districts use these results as one part of their balanced and comprehensive assessment system.

Prioritize Equity

- Information from a balanced and comprehensive assessment system can be used as a guide to ensure every student receives a high-quality education, no matter their race or ZIP code.
- Statewide assessments results can be used to look across student groups, schools and districts to determine where there may be underlying inequities and highlight promising instructional practices.

Provide Valid Results

- Minnesota educators and community members are involved in multiple steps of test development and are essential partners in this work.
- There are rigorous checks and validations of results prior to reporting.
- Both of these ensure that statewide assessment results are a valid and reliable measure of learning of the standards at the time students test.

Questions?

Contact Academic Standards, Instruction and Assessment at mde.testing@state.mn.us.

