

AN UPDATE FROM STATEWIDE TESTING – SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

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## ***Reimbursement Request Deadline Approaching***

**Sept. 15 is the deadline for requesting reimbursement for college entrance exams administered in the 2016–2017 school year.** Districts use the Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) system to request reimbursement. The Reimbursement Reports, which refresh nightly, can be used to review and confirm the accuracy of the requests. For full details, use the [Graduation Requirements Records \(GRR\) User Guide](#) (MDE website > Districts, Schools and Educators > Business and Finance > Data Submissions > Graduation Requirements (GRR)).

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## ***Science Simulation Pilot***

Pearson and MDE are looking for participants to help pilot a series of science simulations that collect “activity stream” data from student actions. If interested, contact Lauren Meyer at [lauren.meyer@pearson.com](mailto:lauren.meyer@pearson.com).

- A minimum of 50 students in grade 5 and/or grade 8 are required for district or school to participate.
- Students will test five simulations, provide feedback, and take a short traditional assessment.
- In conjunction with Pearson, teachers will schedule the simulations to fit in the curriculum, review the results for comparison to other assessments, and provide the end-of-year science assessment scores.
- Schools will need to provide devices that have the latest technical requirements for using TestNav.

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# Upcoming ACCESS for ELLs Training Opportunities

## 2017 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Score Changes

WIDA will offer a webinar on the topic of 2017 score changes on Sept. 7 at 11 a.m., and again on Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. WIDA will share insights and answer questions about how scores can be used to address local needs related to accountability, planning, instruction, and test preparation. They will focus on the Speaking domain scores and allow ample time for questions. Registration is not required. View details on the [ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Webinar Schedule](#) (wida.us > Assessment > ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 > Preparation & Training).

## Interpreting ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Score Reports

MDE and WIDA will host regional, in-person trainings for EL educators and coordinators that will examine score reports, identify their connection to the WIDA English Language Development Standards Framework, and describe how to use these reports as a tool to initiate discussion on instruction. Additionally, this training will:

- Explain the purpose of the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Summative Assessment.
- Identify the differences in the types of ACCESS for ELLs score reports and their uses.
- Describe considerations and methods for disseminating information contained in the score reports.
- Expose the academic language connection between score reports and WIDA Performance Definitions.
- Recognize how to use the score reports collaboratively to inform language development.

[Register for one of these trainings.](#) Follow the link, and select a location at the bottom of the registration page.

DATE & REGISTRATION	LOCATION
Tuesday, Sept. 26 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Minnesota Department of Education Conference Center B: Rooms CC-17/18 1500 Hwy 36 West Roseville, MN 55113
Wednesday, Sept. 27 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Rasmussen College – Mankato Room 100 130 St. Andrews Dr. Mankato, MN 56001
Thursday, Sept. 28 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Rasmussen College – St. Cloud Rooms 104 & 106 226 Park Ave. S St. Cloud, MN 56301

Note: There will not be an automatic confirmation email sent at the time of registration. MDE will send confirmation emails to registrants in mid-September.

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## ***Pearson Help Desk Reminder***

Pearson no longer uses a help desk email and has moved to an [online help desk form](#). Access the link on [minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com](http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com), under Contact Us. Pearson's help desk phone number remains unchanged at (888) 817-8659.

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## ***PearsonAccess Next Reporting***

### **Benchmark Reports Coming Soon**

The 2017 Benchmark Reports will be available on Sept. 18 under Reports > Published Reports. Use these reports to help identify relative benchmark performance compared to expected performance based on overall scores. For subject-specific information, see the *2017 Benchmark Report User Guides* on the [Additional Reporting Resources page](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Reporting Resources > Additional Reporting Resources). The user guides will be available by the release of the Benchmark Reports.

Note: Benchmark reports are not produced when student counts at the school or district level fall below 20.

### **Longitudinal Reports Update: Dashboard View**

The Dashboard View in Longitudinal Reports, which provides a grade-level summary by achievement level, is now available in PearsonAccess Next under Reports > Longitudinal Reports. For more information, see the updated [Longitudinal Reports Quick Guide](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Reporting Resources > Additional Reporting Resources).

### **Removal of Reporting Groups in PearsonAccess Next**

Pearson is currently in the process of removing the 2016–2017 reporting groups in PearsonAccess Next, making the reporting group functionality unavailable to districts. Reporting group functionality for 2017–2018 will be available for districts at the end of January when test eligibility for 2018 is loaded into PearsonAccess Next.

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## ***Student Assessment History Report Reminder***

Until your district submits 2017–2018 MARSS enrollment data for the new school year, you will not have data to view in the [Student Assessment History Report](#) (MDE > Data Center > Secure Reports).

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