



Subject: Year 2 MAST Form B Summative Pilot: Important Updates and Next Steps  
5.10.24 MAST Outreach

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### Live Listening/Feedback Session

We have designed user feedback cycles while in pilot to ensure continuous improvement of the MAST. As a way to gather feedback from MAST Form B Summative Pilot Districts, a feedback survey will be shared out at the end of the window. In addition, a live listening/feedback session is scheduled for **May 15th from 3:30-4:00 pm**. As a way to gather feedback from the *MAST Form B Summative testing window* please consider providing feedback in this [MAST Form B Feedback Survey](#). Teachers, administrators, test coordinators, IT personnel are all welcome to attend the live listening session and provide feedback in the survey. Please forward the links to all school stakeholders you feel appropriate to provide feedback. We value your input and encourage you to provide feedback aimed at improving and enhancing the MAST assessment.

### MAST Form B Summative Listening/Feedback Session

**Date:** May 15, 2024

**Time:** 3:30 - 4:00 PM

[Zoom Link](#) | Meeting ID: 883 8001 5444 | Password: 649197

### Disseminating Student Score Reports to Parents & Guardians

As part of the Federal Waiver granted to Montana, it is a requirement to disseminate student score reports to parents. We are excited to announce that a Kite Parent Portal is available to share student score reports electronically with parents/guardians. Information to set up the Kite Parent Portal is outlined in the *Kite Parent Portal* section of this outreach. Student score reports are scheduled to be released on **May 24, 2024**. A [MAST Form B Parent-Guardian Score Report Dissemination Guidance](#) document provides support in disseminating student score reports to parents/guardians. Next year when MAST operationalizes as the statewide assessment for grades 3-8 in math and ELA, student score reports will be timelier and more robust than this year's pilot raw student data.

### Kite Parent Portal

The [Educator Portal Manual](#) includes an *Appendix E* with directions for setting up the parent-student connection in the Educator Portal. A [Parent Portal Manual](#) is also available as a resource for parents when trying to access their child(ren)'s score reports within the Parent Portal. A [Parent Portal video](#) is a great resource to share with parents as to how to log in to view their child(ren)'s score reports.

### Accessing Student Reports

MAST Participating Districts have access to student reports through the Kite Platform. To login and access the student reports, please use the unique MT Kite login url [Kite - Educator Portal \(kiteaai.org\)](#) [educator-testlet.kiteaai.org]. Student score reports are scheduled to be released on **May 24, 2024**. A recording of the ["Understanding the MAST Student Score Report" webinar](#)



is available. Student reports can be bundled for classroom use regarding student performance on each question. Responses are listed as “I” (no credit), “C” (full credit), “PC” (partial credit).

### To access individual student reports:

1. INTERIM → View Results
2. Fill out desired **organization** information.
3. Click **Search**

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View Student Report: Select Criteria

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### To access student bundled reports for classroom/district use:

1. INTERIM → View Results
2. Select **Predictive Report** dropdown → **Student Bundled Reports**
3. Fill out desired **organization** information.
4. Click **Search** → Select *Question CSV* for succinct table of student performance on each question or *Bundled Student Reports* for PDF of individual student performance on testlets.

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GRADE \* Grade 4 \* TEST CYCLE \* One \*

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Reading, Grade 4, Informational Testlet 1 (October)  
Bundled Student Reports  
Question CSV  
Reading, Grade 4, Literary Testlet 1 (October)  
Bundled Student Reports  
Question CSV

### Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

We encourage you to learn more about these opportunities and sign up by visiting the [MAST Engagement Opportunities website](#). Your participation is invaluable in shaping the future of the Montana-made MAST assessment.

### New Meridian's Summer 2024 Assessment Review

New Meridian is **looking for qualified math and English teachers in grades 3 to 8 to share their expertise on our innovative new through-year assessments**. The program is a way to learn more about assessment, develop new skills, and make extra money by working remotely to help New Meridian review test items. This unique opportunity allows Montana educators to delve deeper into the world of math and English assessments, gaining invaluable experience. Compensation is provided for your valuable contributions. Learn more and apply today at [New Meridian's Summer 2024 Assessment Review \[newmeridiancorp.org\]](#).

**During the program, participating educators will:**

- Receive payment of \$200 per 8 hours spent in meetings and discussions
- Attend virtual training session(s)
- Attend each day of review from a secure location (no public Wi-Fi), actively participating on camera to facilitate productive item discussions
- Contribute comments to guide discussions, vote on each item, and support the group in generating consensus feedback

**To participate in the program, educators must have one or more of the following qualifications:**

- Have a minimum of 5 years of experience in the classroom or within an educational setting
- Be currently enrolled in graduate-level education programs

**MAST Accommodations**

A MAST accommodation drop-down menu is available in Infinite Campus for new IEPs. The accommodation drop-down will be available soon to amend existing IEPs. Once this is available, districts have the option to start making changes to student IEPs if desired, or districts can choose to use the [MAST Accommodations Crosswalk Document](#) to translate current SBA accommodations into MAST PNPs at the beginning of next year's MAST administration. A [MAST Accessibility Guide](#) is now available to help provide guidance and support when making testing accommodations decisions for students.

**Montana OPI Summer Institute**

You're invited to the OPI Summer Institute scheduled for **June 17-20, 2024!** Join us for dedicated sessions spotlighting educational innovation with the Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST) Assessment—a transformative approach to assessment that aligns with our commitment to enhancing learning and teaching experiences across Montana. As the MAST progresses through its second year of pilot (SY23-24), it represents a significant step towards using assessment to support student learning and achievement. This innovative assessment, structured as a through-year model, is designed to assess content standards aligned closely with the timing of content learning in the classroom. Its primary goals include providing instructional utility and generating a summative score for federal accountability purposes. MAST is on track to operationalize as the statewide assessment for Montana's general populations in grades 3-8 for ELA and Math, scheduled to replace Smarter Balanced in 2024-2025. Registration coming soon on the [OPI Summer Institute webpage](#).

**Dreambox Learning Opportunity for MAST Participants**

This year MAST Pilot Districts have access to DreamBox Math and Reading programs for students in grades 3-8. Next year all public school districts will have access to DreamBox in grades K-12. **Days of Discovery** Two FREE professional development for Discovery Education Experience and DreamBox Learning Math and Reading are available in the following locations:

- Miles City – August 6<sup>th</sup> (8:00 am– 4:00pm)
- Helena – August 8<sup>th</sup> (8:00 am– 4:00pm)

*Lunch and snacks provided. OPI Renewal Units Available.*

Register here: [Montana DoD Invite.pdf \[discovered-my.sharepoint.com\]](#). If you want to chat with Montana's PD Specialist, Natalee Hawks, click [here \[calendly.com\]](#) to find a time. Please email [Nhawks@discovered.com](mailto:Nhawks@discovered.com) with any questions.

### **MAST Resources**

A reminder to utilize the MAST OPI webpage and [MAST Portal](#) for comprehensive resources and relevant information about the MAST including recordings for Live Q&A sessions. Select the dropdown menu *Yr.2 MAST Form B Resources* on the [MAST OPI webpage](#) for specific MAST Form B Pilot resources.

### **Kite Support**

The Kite Service Desk is here to assist you with any questions related to the Kite Portal processes mentioned above or any other Kite-related inquiries. You can reach the Kite Service Desk as follows:

- Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. MST
- Phone: (855) 277-9752
- Email: [Kite-support@ku.edu](mailto:Kite-support@ku.edu)

For other assessment questions or inquiries, please contact the OPI Assessment Help Desk at 1-844-867-2569 or [opiassessmenthelpdesk@mt.gov](mailto:opiassessmenthelpdesk@mt.gov).

I am also happy to help and support your district during this pilot phase. Feel free to reach out with any questions regarding the MAST.

**Sincerely,**  
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