

Good Day and Happy Thanksgiving,

Questar and the End-of-Course results release are ahead of schedule and are now available in Nextera. Grade-level results are on track for delivery November 26<sup>th</sup>, the Guide to Interpreting Results are also now posted on the Assessment pages for each assessment.

Grade-Level: <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-gl-gir-spring-2018.pdf>

End-of-Course: <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-eoc-gir-1718.pdf>

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Districts who are using Windows 10 in S Mode, there will be an update coming next week from Data Recognition Corporation of a release of a new browser for Insight that can be downloaded from the Windows Store.

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English I and II incorporate blending of two or more writing genres (narrative, argumentative, expository) within a single piece of writing as presented in the new MLS. The 10-point scoring guide describes expectations at different levels of student writing. For further information, please visit: <https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/curriculum/english-language-arts#mini-panel-ela3>.

An opportunity is available for educators and students to experience this type of writing assessment during an End-of-Course English I and II Stand Alone Field Test for Writing Prompts during the window of January 25-February 8, 2019. This will allow DESE to vet the prompts and students responses without having to have two writing prompts on the Spring 2019 assessment.

Currently, DTCs can upload students on the Nextera site under the 2019 WP SPRING FIELD TEST window for this opportunity. A Building Summary Data Report showing the average scores within the 3 dimensions of the writing scoring guide (organization and flow, development/elaboration, conventions) will be available mid to late March 2019 for buildings who participate in this field test.

Thank you for all you do,

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