

MDAT v1.1 – Frequently Asked Questions

Report Options

Q – Why can I select only one grade level?

A – One-year Change in Scale Score is only reported for a single grade level at a time (scores are not combined across grade levels). To see more than one grade level, select Grade Level WSAS as a variable. You may then use the grade level filter to restrict the results to the grades in which you are interested.

Q – Why can't I select grades 3 or 10?

A – Topic One-Year Change in Scale Scores requires results from the selected year and the prior year. Grades 2 and 9 are not tested grades, so students in grades 3 and 10 do not have a prior year result.

Q – I see variables that I cannot select.

A – Variables and filters with buttons or check boxes that cannot be selected have been suspended from selection due to the selection of other conflicting variables or options. You can determine which selection caused this by clearing the selections (Start Over button) and observing the item of interest as you add selections to the query.

Q – Why are there buttons and options that are padlocked and unavailable?

A – The padlock next to a button or option indicates that it is a restricted item based on your assigned MDAT role (or tier) for that school or district. See your district administrator regarding privileges.

Q – I do not have a district-wide summary option. Why is this?

A – District-wide summary is available only to users that have authorization to view data for all schools in their district. See your district administrator for authorization.

Q – Nothing appears to work. I can't even select a School option.

A – MDAT requires that JavaScript be enabled. To enable JavaScript:

Internet Explorer

1. Select 'Tools' from the top menu.
2. Choose 'Internet Options'.
3. Click on the 'Security' tab.
4. Click on 'Custom Level'.
5. Scroll down until you see section labeled 'Scripting'.
6. Under 'Active Scripting', select 'Enable' and click OK.

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Mozilla Firefox

1. Select 'Tools' from the top menu.
2. Choose 'Options'.
3. Choose 'Content' from the top navigation.
4. Select the checkbox next to 'Enable JavaScript' and click OK.

Netscape Navigator

1. Select 'Edit' from the top menu.
2. Choose 'Preferences'.
3. Choose 'Advanced'.
4. Choose 'Scripts & Plug-ins'.
5. Select the 'Enable JavaScript' checkbox and click OK.

Apple Safari

1. Select 'Safari' from the top menu.
2. Choose 'Preferences'.
3. Choose 'Security'.
4. Select the checkbox next to 'Enable JavaScript'.

Report Results

Q – Why does my result show “no data found”?

A – In most cases, the filter values you selected are too restrictive. No student records exist in the database with that combination of attributes. Try expanding the criteria (selecting additional filter values or removing one or more filters categories entirely).

Q – Why are there missing values for some variables such as Race/Ethnicity and ELP Code?

A – As with most database query tools, MDAT returns only values that actually exist in the database – not all possible valid values. For example, if a school has no Asian/Pacific Islander students, that category will not appear in the results for Race/Ethnicity. In situations where you know certain values exist but are not displayed, check your filters to ensure you are not inadvertently filtering out all students with those values.

Q – What are the red vertical lines in the graph?

A – The red vertical line in the graph signifies the cut score for proficiency at that grade level and that subject. The applicable cut score values appear under the graph.

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Q – The results chart sometimes has clickable links in the column “# of Students in Group” that show me the students included but not always. How come?

A – The links are enabled only for queries that specify a specific school – not district-wide or state-wide. You must also have privileges to view individual student details. See your district administrator regarding privileges.

Student Detail

Q – Some of my students are missing from the student detail.

A – Students are selected to be included in the student detail using the same criteria you specified for the summary report. Check your filters to be sure the students were not de-selected from the report based on those attributes.

WSAS exams submitted with incorrect or missing WSNs (Wisconsin Student Number) may have been misidentified or not identified and therefore will not appear in the detail.

Q – Why is a student shown in the student details but there are no values for this student?

A – All students with a valid WSAS exam result for the year selected will be included in the student detail report, regardless of whether they had taken the WKCE or WAA exam. Students that had taken the WAA exam will not have values for WKCE scale scores. In other situations, the student may not have results for the selected subject because the student was absent when that subject was administered or the exam could not be scored.

Download

Q – When I click the download button, nothing happens.

A – Internet Explorer is initially installed to block pop-ups and downloads. Look for a colored information bar towards to top of the browser and follow the instructions provided there to allow the download. You may need to click the download button a second time after enabling downloads.

To permanently enable downloads, open the **Tools** menu on Internet Explorer and select **Internet Options, Security, Custom Level** and scroll down to the **Downloads** section. Under **Automatic prompting for file downloads**, select **Enable**, then **OK, Yes** to confirm, and **OK** again.

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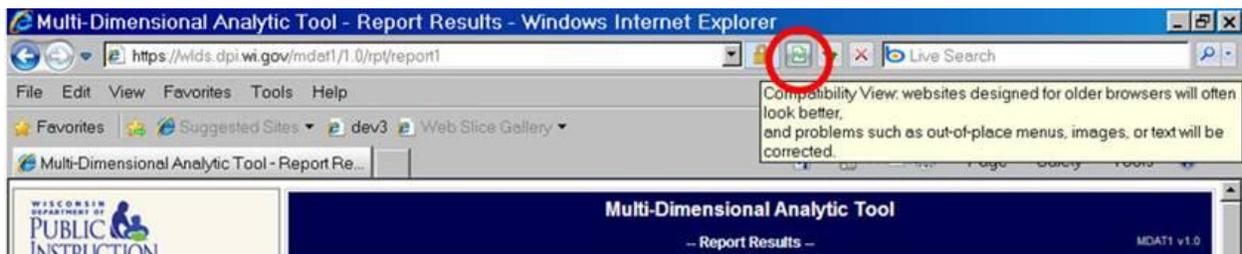
General

Q – The browser “Back” button does not work.

A – Some panels in MDAT have disabled the back button to avoid missing selections. Use the provided navigation buttons and links to move within the application.

Q – I updated my browser to Internet Explorer version 8. Now I do not see any arrows in the results graph.

A – IE8 must be set to run in *Compatibility View* with MDAT.



Printing

Q – When I print my results, the graph is empty.

A – Your internet browser's settings control some features utilized by MDAT. You may need to change these settings to enable proper printing:

Internet Explorer

1. Select Tools.
2. Choose Internet Options.
3. Select the Advanced tab.
4. Select the checkbox next to Printing: 'Print background colors and images'.
5. Click OK.

Mozilla Firefox

1. Click 'File' to choose 'Page Setup'.
2. Under 'Format & Options' tab find 'Options'.
3. Select the checkbox next to 'Print Background(colors and images)'.
4. Click OK.

Q – My printouts are cut off on the right margin.

A – To modify your browser's margin settings to prevent printer overflow:

Internet Explorer

1. Click 'File' to choose 'Page Setup'.

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2. Type new values in 'Left:' and 'Right:' boxes, '0' gives the widest page.
3. Click OK.

Mozilla Firefox

1. Click 'File' to choose 'Page Setup'.
2. Click 'Margins and Header/Footer' tab.
3. Type new values in 'Left:' and 'Right:' boxes, '0' gives the widest page.
4. Click OK.