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**TITLE:** Information Services

**TYPE:** Information

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The mission of the Information Services department is to support the district mission and strategic priorities by building capacity through research, evaluation and the application of data to inform school improvement for student success. We provide support and expertise to schools and staff through:

- Providing expertise in the area of measurement and delivering accurate and timely information to building and district staff
- Providing support to district and schools through a systematic evaluation process of district programs
- Reviewing and summarizing data related to student learning and instruction
- Providing professional development on assessment practices, data analysis and interpretation

### **Support and resources to ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment**

- Information Services had a **great start to the school year**. In preparation for the staff and students return, Info Srvs initialized over 30 different curriculum/learning/operational platforms for users to enhance learning and improved operational efficiency.
- Information Services worked with and **supported families** throughout the summer and into the start of the year to assist them with technological and language barriers on their online annual renewal process for enrollment. Austin Public Schools has a superior centralized enrollment system that has become a model for districts throughout the state.

### **Packer Profile for all learners**

- August 28, 2025 was the **public release** of the MN Assessments and North Star Accountability System reports. Here is a brief summary of the Percent Proficient by year/subject:

MN Assessments	Reading	Mathematics	Science
2020-2021	34.5%	24.3%	24.9%
2021-2022	35.5%	27.5%	28.0%
2022-2023	35.4%	27.8%	28.5%
2023-2024	33.7%	26.6%	21.1%
2024-2025	32.1%	24.1%	NA – MCA-IV

- Information Services is continually working with sites to **inform instruction** based on assessment results from not only MN assessments, but also from our **Renaissance assessment platform** (STAR360 and FAST) that provides more formative data and standard specific data to support student learning and classroom instruction. When paired with classroom-level data, teachers have a detailed playbook for students needs and can respond to those needs through Tier 1 and targeted instruction.

### **District-wide multi-tiered systems of support for all learners**

- **Fall Benchmarking** – we are working to screen all students Grades KG-08 on the STAR 360/FAST Assessment platforms according to the [district assessment program](#). Fall screenings will conclude on 9/19/2025 and Information Services will provide a summary snapshot to the board at a future study session.
- Info Services continues to work to enhance **MTSS efforts** in the district. Information Services is moving forward with full support of eduCLIMBER, a data warehousing and analytics platform from Renaissance Learning that we launched in August.. This tool allows educators and administrators to access and analyze student data more efficiently, supporting informed decision-making and continuous improvement. Initial training for staff has been completed, but will continue throughout the 25-26 school year and beyond. The rollout has been very smooth to date and we are excited for the potential time savings and efficiencies that eduCLIMBER is going to provide us. Additionally, we continue to work with school teams on Early Warning Systems (EWS) and data systems to make sure teams have all the information they need to inform their decision and work.

### **Excellence in Resource Management**

- Information Services works very closely with administration and buildings to **confirm enrollment** and make sure that we have the most accurate rosters possible throughout the school year. This also involves our annual “no-show” process where sites work with Info Services to identify students that we had hoped would return for fall programming, but have not returned. These processes help us to confirm our staffing levels are appropriate to best support learning in all locations.
- **Campus Workflow:** Information Services continues to work with sites and review and refine processes with Infinite Campus Workflow Suite to streamline school operations and improve communication with families. New tools, including the Parent Portal Absence Request tool, Digital Hall passes at the 5-12 schools and student check-in kiosks, are enhancing efficiency, safety, and transparency. While we continue to work to perfect these tools, they already have reduced paper processes, provided families with convenient digital options, increased school safety protocols and helped staff focus more time on supporting students.