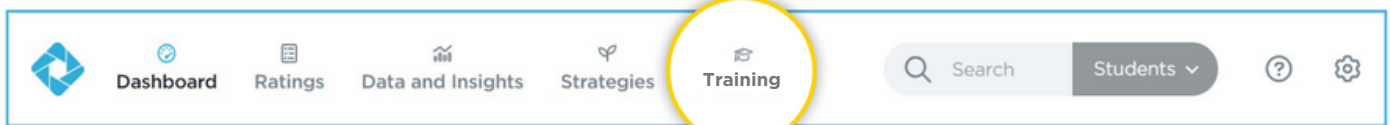# THE DESSA SYSTEM:
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING PLAN

2024-2025 School Year

Professional Learning provides high-quality development opportunities that will transform educators' skills, practices, and mindsets through the enhanced knowledge of the DESSA and Aperture System. We offer various modalities to accommodate diverse learning preferences.

Interactive Live Webinars (60 min) can be made available for an additional cost. Talk to your Partnership or Success team member to learn more.

Self-Paced Courses (40-60 min)	On-Demand Video Library	Aperture Education Office Hours	Support Portal
Our courses are self-paced learning experiences that will get you started with using the DESSA System. Courses can be completed at a time that best suits your school or program, and includes resources for implementation.	Our On-Demand Video Library contains short self-service videos that guide users through using the DESSA System.	Office Hours provide monthly micro-learning opportunities that include a 15-minute presentation and 30 minutes of general Q&A time with staff from our Professional Learning and Success Teams.	Our Support Portal is a 24/7 resource library that contains FAQs, user guides and manuals, and articles. You can search by keyword or browse by topic.

BEFORE COMPLETING DESSA RATINGS

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR DISTRICT & SCHOOL LEADERS

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TITLE	MODALITY	OBJECTIVES
Aperture System Essentials Section 1	**Course**	• Identify the key features of the Aperture System in accordance with their user role to support implementation at the site level.
Introduction to the Student Self Report	**Course**	• Learn about the implementation of the Aperture System and the DESSA-HSE SSR or DESSAMSE SSR assessment.
Introduction to the Aperture System **Using the DESSA to Measure Social and Emotional Competence**	**On-Demand Videos**	• Learn about user roles in the Aperture System, login options, and the Support Portal. • Explore the strength-based DESSA and how it positively impacts student outcomes.
Completing and Understanding the DESSA **DESSA Student Self Report**	**On-Demand Videos**	• Gain insight into what to expect in your user role as well as how to interpret DESSA scores. • Learn about the Student Self Report, including a live demo and overview of SSR scores.
Program Administrator Quick-Start Guide **Site Leader Quick-Start Guide**	**Support Portal Articles**	• Use the Quick-Start Guide to plan your implementation, monitor ratings, and communicate with stakeholdrers.

The **DESSA** is an **evidence-based** social and emotional competency **assessment** to support student growth.

AFTER COLLECTING DESSA DATA

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR DISTRICT & SCHOOL LEADERS

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TITLE	MODALITY	OBJECTIVES
Aperture System Essentials Section 2	**Course**	• Identify how to interpret and use DESSA data from a tiered perspective to communicate with educators and other key internal stakeholders.
Analyzing Student Self Report Data	**Course**	• Learn how to access and view various reports available for the MS-SSR & HSE-SSR DESSA assessments.
Encouraging Student Agency in Social and Emotional Growth	**Course**	• Explore strategies to engage students throughout the process of providing data-driven instruction based on the results of the DESSA assessments.
DESSA & Muti-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)	**On-Demand Videos**	• Learn best practices for how to align the DESSA with the MTSS framework.
Tier 1: Using DESSA Data **Tier 2: Using DESSA Data** **Tier 3: Using DESSA Data**	**On-Demand Videos**	• Access, analyze, and use DESSA data at tiered levels to support students' social and emotional skill development.
Using DESSA Student Self-Report Data	**On-Demand Videos**	• Learn how to access and view various reports available for the MS-SSR & HSE-SSR DESSA assessments.

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DESSA & Muti-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) **What are the SEL Strategies?**	**On-Demand Videos**	• Learn best practices for how to align the DESSA with the MTSS framework. • Explore the Strategies and how to use them.
Tier 1: Using DESSA Data **Tier 2: Using DESSA Data** **Tier 3: Using DESSA Data**	**On-Demand Videos**	• Access, analyze, and use DESSA data at tiered levels to support students' social and emotional skill development.
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