



DESSA SYSTEM

DESSA 2 EDUCATOR QUICK-START GUIDE

LEARN HOW TO:



LOG INTO YOUR
ACCOUNT & NAVIGATE
THE PORTAL



COMPLETE TRAINING
AND RATINGS



ACCESS REPORTS



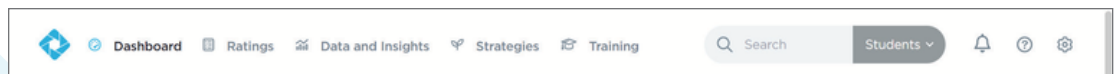
USE THE STRATEGIES
RESOURCES

Activate and Log Into Your Account

- You will receive an email from Aperture Education with the subject line **Welcome to Aperture!** (Please check your junk or spam folder if you do not see this email in your inbox.)
- Click the **Create Account** link in the email to open the activation window. Email invitations are only active for 7 days. If you receive a message that your invitation has expired, the Program Administrator will need to send you a new invitation.
- Choose a password for your account, select the checkbox, and click **Activate**.
- *Note:* If your program has Single Sign-On enabled, you will not need to register as outlined above. You can access your Aperture account by going to your district SSO login page and clicking the  icon.

Use [this Educator Portal link](#) to log into your account using the email and password you just created. Consider bookmarking it for future use.

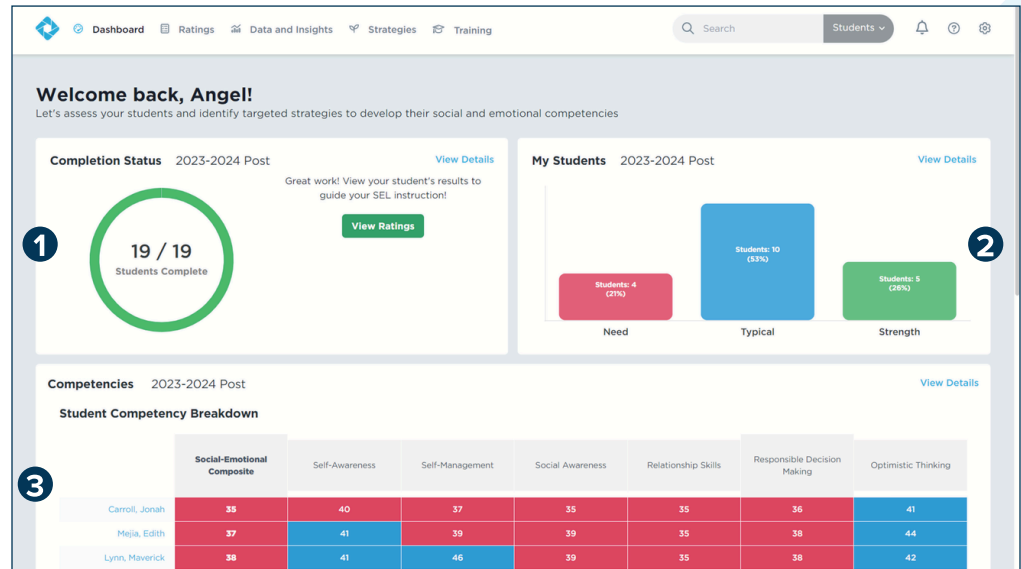
Navigate Within the Educator Portal



- **Dashboard:** Main landing page for all users; it contains 3 modules with relevant data.
- **Ratings:** Where educators complete their DESSA student ratings.
- **Data and Insights:** Access your interactive reports on this tab.
- **Strategies:** Research-based resources for Tier 1/Universal instruction and Tier 2 Intervention Programs.
- **Training:** EdSERT, self-paced training courses, and the On-Demand Video Library.
- **Search:** Search for students by name or Student ID number to access their individual student profiles.
- **Question Mark:** Opens the Support Portal to allow you to search for assistance or explore resources.
- **Settings Cog:** Contains basic information and administrator functions as well as the logout option.

Your Educator Portal Dashboard

When you log into the Educator Portal, you will be taken to your dashboard. This dashboard contains the following components:



- 1 Snapshot of progress on your ratings and a call to action to complete any ratings that are incomplete.
- 2 Preview of the **My Students** report (a breakdown of descriptive score ranges) for the students in the group assigned to you. To change the filters on your report, click **View Details**.
- 3 Preview of the **Competencies** report for students who have received a full DESSA 2. You can also change the filters on your report by clicking **View Details**.

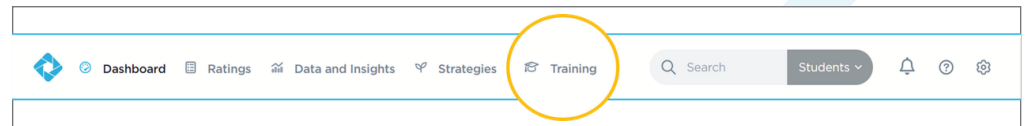
Note:* The preview of the **My Students report and the **Student Competency Breakdown** will be blank prior to DESSA ratings being completed.

Complete DESSA System Training

Before completing DESSA 2 ratings

Educators who complete training are more confidently able to complete their DESSA 2 ratings, analyze and use their data, and implement the Educator Portal resources more effectively. There are three ways to learn about how to use the DESSA 2 assessments: **Self-Paced Courses**, the **On-Demand Video Library**, and the **Support Portal**.

You can access each of these resources under the **Training** tab.



Complete Ratings

To complete ratings for your assigned students, log into the Educator Portal, click **Ratings**, choose a student, respond to the items (in either Single Question or Table format), and click **Complete**.

Jair Abbott

DESSA 2 mini Form A

Student ID: 3459684 [Minimize Instructions](#)

This form describes a number of behaviors seen in some students. Read the statements that follow the phrase: **During the past 4 weeks, how often did the student...**and click on the button underneath the word that tells how often you saw the behavior. Please answer each question carefully. There are no right or wrong answers. If you wish to change your answer, just click on the button for your new choice. Please do not skip any items.

A "Never" response can mean that you have not observed the student engaging in that behavior or that the student does not engage in that behavior.

During the past 4 weeks, how often did the student...	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost Always
1. cooperate with others to solve a problem?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. accept responsibility for their actions?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. believe they can achieve their goals?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. work to develop their personal strengths?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. keep trying when unsuccessful?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. show appreciation of others?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. encourage others?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. gather information before making an important decision?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Access Reports from the Data and Insights Tab

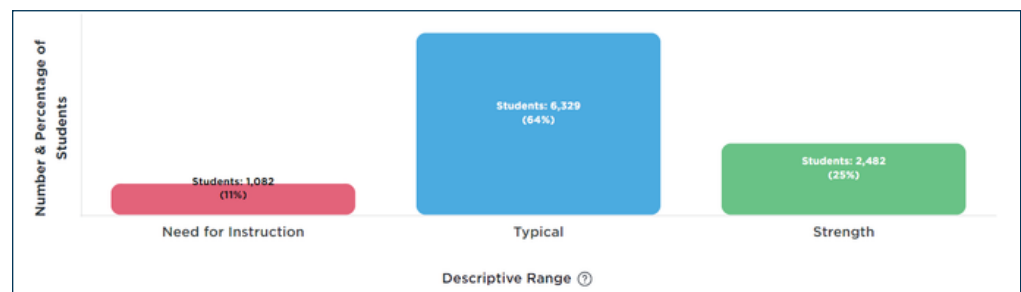
After completing DESSA 2 ratings

Reports can support data-driven decisions. To access reports, log into the Educator Portal and click on the **Data and Insights** tab at the top of your dashboard.

The **My Students** report, the **Individual Student Profile**, and the **Competencies** reports are great starting points for reviewing classroom data.

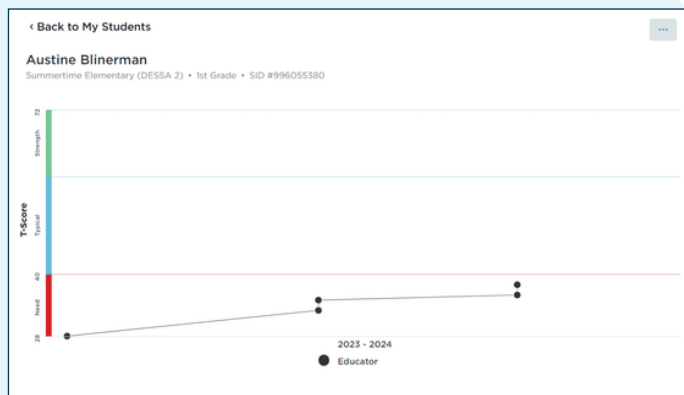
For more detailed information on reports and action steps, view the [Implementation Guide](#).

The **My Students** report shows the distribution of student assessment scores across the descriptive ranges.



The **Individual Student Profile** shows a line graph of a student's rating scores over time for each rating completed in the Educator Portal. Hover over a rating for details about that rating or click on it to see more details.

The table below the line graph allows you to monitor student progress by comparing up to 4 ratings for the student. Simply check the box on the left side of the report and click **Compare**. The report will show you how the student progressed between rating windows.



	Rating Date	Rating Window	Descriptive Range	T-Score	Percentile	Form	Grade at Rating	Rater	
☐	08/03/2023	23-24 Pre	Need	28	1st	DESSA 2 mini Form A	1st Grade	Freida Pawlick	 
☐	08/03/2023	23-24 Pre	Need	28	1st	DESSA 2	1st Grade	Freida Pawlick	 
☐	01/03/2024	23-24 Mid	Need	33	4th	DESSA 2 mini Form C	1st Grade	Freida Pawlick	 
☐	01/03/2024	23-24 Mid	Need	35	7th	DESSA 2	1st Grade	Freida Pawlick	 
☐	05/03/2024	23-24 Post	Need	36	8th	DESSA 2 mini Form C	1st Grade	Freida Pawlick	 
☐	05/03/2024	23-24 Post	Need	39	12th	DESSA 2	1st Grade	Freida Pawlick	 

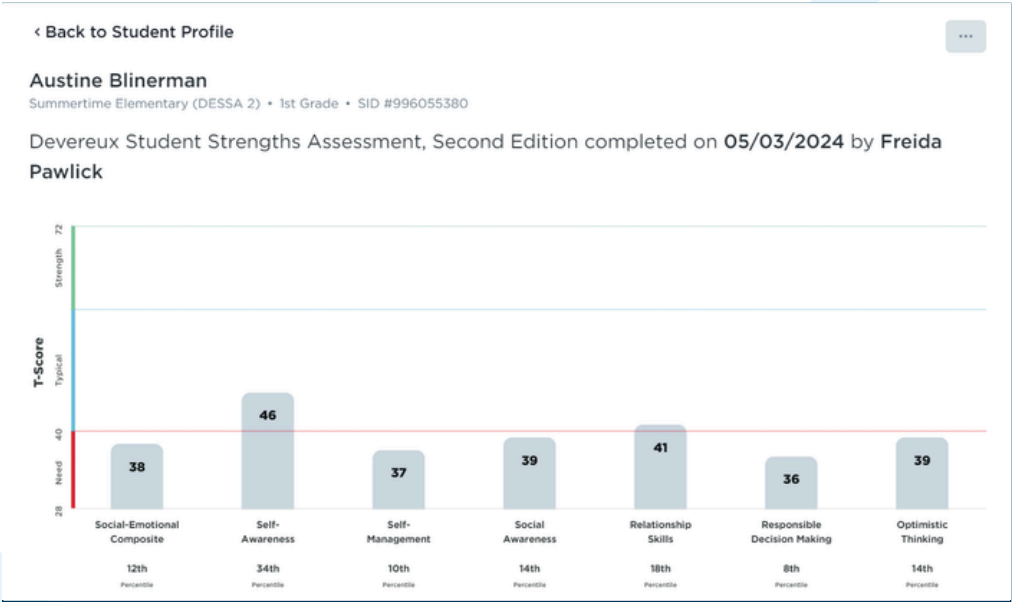
The **Report** icon shows you the **Individual Student Report** and **Individual Item Analysis**.

To print this report, click the three dots at the top right.

Access the **Individual Student Report** by clicking the **Report** icon in the table at the bottom of the **Individual Student Profile**.

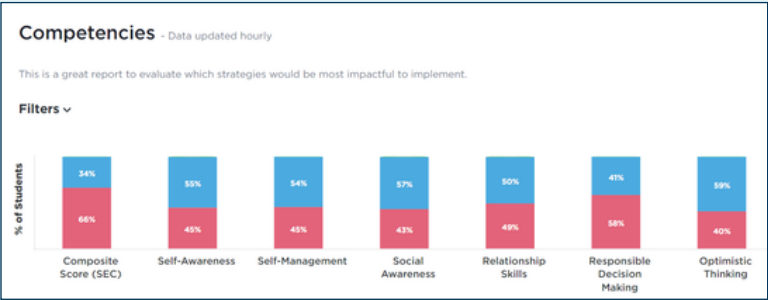
	05/03/2024	23-24 Post	Need	38	12th	DESSA 2	1st Grade	Freida Pawlick		
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For students who have been evaluated using the DESSA 2, this report will show a bar graph with a T-score for each competency. Filter the table below by competency to identify areas of **Strength** and **Need for Instruction** for the student, and gather ideas for targeted small group or individual interventions. To print this report, click the three dots at the top right.



The **Competencies Report** shows the breakdown of students across the descriptive ranges for a given competency. Keep in mind that this chart can skew heavily toward **Need for Instruction** given that it is likely to include mostly students who have been rated using the full DESSA 2 assessment.

The **Student Competency Breakdown** table displays one row per student with their respective scores. You can use the chart and table in tandem to determine which competencies to focus on for individual, small group, or universal instruction.



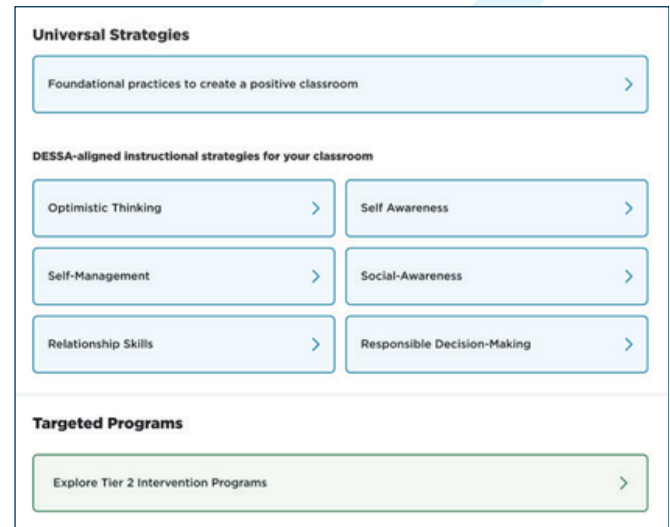
Student Competency Breakdown								Export CSV
	SEC	SA	SM	SO	RS	RDM	OT	
Corn, Marilyn	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	
Chafney, Gibby	28	28	39	29	28	28	28	
Kuler, Boony	28	28	31	31	28	28	30	
Hultson, Vyky	28	28	28	31	28	28	28	
Oliver, Merry	28	28	39	29	28	28	28	
Solly, Cathie	28	28	31	28	32	28	30	
Betts, Lark	28	28	28	31	28	28	28	
Itzkowitz, Danica	28	28	28	31	28	28	28	
Wheeler, Kippie	28	28	31	33	30	32	28	
Caulcott, Shelly	28	28	31	28	32	28	30	
Need for Instruction Typical Strength								

Use DESSA-Aligned Strategies

After analyzing DESSA 2 data

DESSA reports inform strategy implementation. After analyzing your data, click the **Strategies** tab on your Educator Portal dashboard. The **Strategies** tab gives you access to Universal Strategies and Foundational Practices, DESSA-aligned instructional strategies, and targeted Tier 2 Intervention Programs. Click the links to access these instructional resources.

- Use Foundational Practices as everyday strategies to create a positive learning environment.
- The DESSA-aligned strategies are instructional lessons tied to your students' DESSA data. Use these strategies for universal instruction.
- Tier 2 Intervention Programs provide targeted instruction to students who need additional layers of support.



Access the Support Portal

Additional resources for all users in the Educator Portal include video tutorials, webinars, educator guides, FAQs, and helpful implementation resources. To access the Support Portal, log into your account and select the question mark icon (?) in the upper right-hand corner of the dashboard. A new tab will open containing the **Support Portal**. (Please disable your browser's pop-up blocker.)

In the **Support Portal**, type the name of the resource you are looking for into the search bar or scroll through the suggested resources. To contact our Support Team, click the **Submit A Request** button at top right to submit a ticket.

