APERTURE EDUCATION

DESSA SYSTEM ARC OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

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 System.

We offer various modalities including virtual training, self-paced courses, an on-demand video library, office hours, and support portal resources to accommodate diverse learning preferences.

Below you will find the scope and sequence of our virtual training offerings.

YEAR 1 | VIRTUAL TRAINING

Year 1 virtual trainings are designed to familiarize users with the essentials of the DESSA assessments and the Educator Portal.

GETTING STARTED WITH THE DESSA (60 MIN)

Objectives:
- Identify key components of the DESSA assessments in order to support educators with implementation.
- Learn best practices for completing ratings and understand the scoring result categories.
- Explore the features of the Educator Portal and learn how to maximize the resources.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DESSA STUDENT SELF REPORT (60 MIN)

Objectives:
- Learn about the implementation of the Aperture System and the DESSA-HSE SSR or DESSA-MSE SSR assessment.
- Explore the roles of staff members responsible for supporting students in completing the self-assessment and utilization of the collected data.
- Learn how to navigate the Educator and Student platforms, including the main resources, tools, and features.

YEAR 1 | VIRTUAL TRAINING

ANALYZING DESSA DATA IN THE EDUCATOR PORTAL (60 MIN)

Objectives:
- Learn how to access different reports in the Educator Portal.
- Review and interpret data from a tiered perspective.
- Consider how to support students' social-emotional growth using a strengths-based approach.
- Incorporate Data-Driven Recommendations and Tier 2 Interventions into an action plan. *

ANALYZING DESSA STUDENT SELF-REPORT DATA (60 MIN)

Objectives:
- Learn how to access and view the various reports available for the HSE-SSR and MSE-SSR.
- Explore the different features of the educator view in the Aperture System and the Student Portal.
- Consider how to support students' social-emotional growth using a strength-based approach.
- Incorporate Data-Driven Recommendations and Tier 2 Interventions into an action plan. *

*Data-Driven Recommendations and Tier 2 Interventions are available for users with the Strategies and Interventions Package.

YEAR 2 | VIRTUAL TRAINING

Year 2 virtual trainings are designed to deepen DESSA System implementation and equip users to make productive, data-driven decisions in their role.

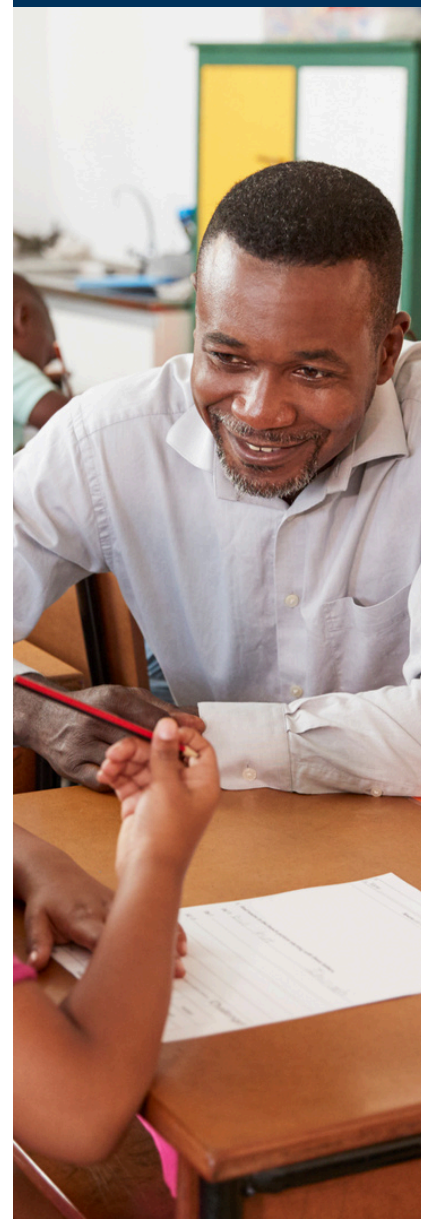## EFFECTIVE USE OF THE DESSA SYSTEM (60 MIN)

Objectives:
- Review key components of DESSA implementation.
- Explore the resources available in the Educator Portal.
- Use an Effort vs. Impact matrix to plan next steps.

USING DESSA DATA WITHIN THE MTSS FRAMEWORK (60 MIN)

Objectives:
- Understand how the MTSS framework impacts student outcomes.
- Learn best practices for integrating DESSA data into an MTSS framework.
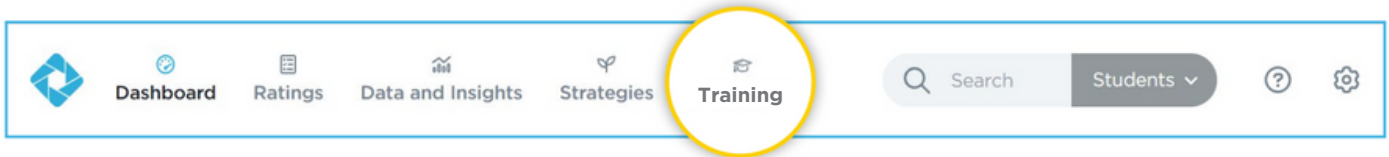- Establish procedures for monitoring student growth.

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

ADDITIONAL MODALITIES

Additional resources for all users in the Educator Portal include video tutorials, guides, FAQs, and helpful documents. To access other training modalities, log into the portal and click Training. 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).

Self-Paced Courses (45-60 min)	On-Demand Video Library	Aperture Education Office Hours	Support Portal
Our courses are asynchronous, interactive learning experiences that will deepen your use and knowledge of the DESSA System. Courses can be completed at a time that best suits your school or program.	Our On-Demand Video Library contains short self-service videos that guide users through using the DESSA assessments system. Depending on the content in an on-demand video, they will range from 3-7 minutes.	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.