WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment
Reminder:
Verify Student Data

DPI will load student data from WISEdata into the DRC INSIGHT Portal (Forward) and PearsonAccess[next] (ACT with writing and PreACT Secure). To ensure that you have the correct roster of students for testing, please make certain that your student enrollment and demographic data are correct in WISEdata before the end of the day on January 25.

ACT
New:
Additional Steps Needed to Order the ACT for Non-Choice Students

Listed below are the complete list of steps necessary for schools to order the ACT with Writing for their non-choice students.

- Complete the DPI order form by the January 19 deadline. This step is to notify DPI whether a school plans on testing non-choice students.
- Verify that DPI has loaded your choice students (and non-choice students from schools that are receiving the all school report card) into the portal (January 29-31 window to complete this step).
- Once choice students have been verified as being loaded, school staff will be able to upload any additional 11th grade non-choice students into the portal that plan on testing (January 29-31 window to complete this step). This step is to let ACT know which students will be tested.
- ACT will ship test materials based on the students loaded into PAnext.
- At the conclusion of the testing windows, DPI will contact schools to ask them to verify the actual number of non-choice students that were tested. DPI will then bill schools based on this updated information.

Student Roster Verification and Upload: January 29-31

- Assessment coordinators will receive an email next week with instructions on how to upload any additional students (choice or non-choice) who were not included in the initial DPI upload. School staff will be able to upload these additional students into PAnext from January 29-31.
- Coordinators will be able to indicate the testing mode (paper or online) for each student.
- Barcode labels will be shipped only for students who are in PAnext at the end of the day on January 31. After January 31, schools can add new students, but they will not receive barcodes and schools will need to follow the instructions in the test administration manuals on how to prepare an answer document without a barcode.

Online Testing Site Readiness Service
On January 15, ACT will begin their outreach to schools and districts who opted into ACT's Online Testing Site Readiness Service. DACs should continue to monitor emails and calls from this service.

Reminder:
ACT with Writing for Non-Choice Students
Non-choice students will again be allowed to take the ACT with Writing on the state administration dates. Cost for the test will be $54.25 per student. Order deadline is set for January 19.

Accommodation Requests Reminder
The deadline to submit requests for spring 2024 testing is **January 19**. DPI strongly encourages schools to **enter requests into the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) now** to avoid delays and allow time for reconsideration if needed.
- Submit requests early - well before the **January 19 deadline.**
- Refer to Step 3: Accommodation, on the Wisconsin ACT Webpage for accommodation and EL support resources and training.
- Log into the TAA to view status and decisions on accommodations/EL support requests.
    - If a request is not approved, you can submit again for reconsideration.
    - Reach out to OEA as soon as possible if you are experiencing difficulty receiving an approval for an accommodation.

PreACT Secure
Reminder:
PreACT Secure for Non-Choice Students
9th and 10th grade non-choice students will again be allowed to take the PreACT Secure under the state contract. Cost for the test will be $18 per student. Order deadline is set for January 19.

2024 Testing Resources
The following PreACT Secure testing resources have now been posted to the Wisconsin PreACT Secure webpage. Please disseminate this information out to all testing staff.
- Schedule of Events - Important Dates
- PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide for PreACT Secure - Step 1
- Online testing technical resources - Step 2
- Accessibility Supports Guide for PreACT Secure - Step 4
- All test administration manuals, forms and administration supplement - Step 5

Forward Exam
Reminders:
Forward Exam for Non-Choice Students
Non-Choice students will again be able to take the Forward Exam with the cost of the exam remaining at $35 per student. The order form can be found at Forward Exam Order Form.

2024 Forward Exam Resources
The DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide and the Test Administration Manual is available on the Forward Exam Resources webpage.

New Forward Exam Practice Test
The new Forward Exam Practice Test, for each tested grade and content level, is now available on the Forward Exam Practice Test webpage. All students should be given the opportunity to

practice with the online Forward Exam Practice test as new tools and functionality have been included (e.g., Text-to-Speech Universal Tool for all students). Updated Student Tutorials are also now available and should be used in conjunction with the practice test.

2024 Forward Exam Trainings
The Forward Exam pre-recorded trainings for District and School Assessment Coordinators (DACs/SACs) and Test Administrators (TAs) are available on the Forward Exam Trainings webpage.

- **DAC/SAC Training** - This is a full training required for all DACs/SACs that did not attend the in-person training sessions in November.
- **Test Administrator (TA) Training** - This training is required for all TAs and covers all information TAs need to prepare for and administer the Forward Exam. DACs should ensure that all TAs view this training.

New Resources

As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience for a few weeks. This is NOT an exhaustive list but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide	Helps DACs, SACs and other users manage user permissions, student information, and testing responsibilities in the DRC INSIGHT Portal.	Forward
Test Administration Manual	The TAM provides information for Test Administrators (TAs) in order to successfully administer the Forward Exam.	Forward
Forward Exam Practice Test	Students should be given the opportunity to practice with the online Forward Exam Practice test as new tools and functionality have been included.	Forward
DAC/SAC Training	Required training for all DACs/SACs that did not attend the in-person training sessions in November.	Forward
Test Administrator (TA) Training	Required training for all TAs and covers all information TAs need to prepare for and administer the Forward Exam. DACs should ensure that all TAs view this training.	Forward

Important Dates to Remember

Be sure to refer to each specific assessment calendar for a complete list of key dates.

Date	Event	Program
January 17	Attend Wisconsin specific ACT Office Hour	ACT
January 19	**Deadline to submit accommodations/supports in TAA**	**ACT**
January 22	PearsonAccess^{next} (PAnext) opens for 2024	PreACT Secure
January 19	Deadline to notify DPI of intent to administer ACT and PreACT Secure to non-choice students	ACT & PreACT Secure
January 29 -31	**Verify** ACT Student Rosters in PAnext	ACT
January 29	Student Rosters available in PAnext	PreACT Secure
January 30	Attend PreACT Secure Test Administration #1 training	PreACT Secure