Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

November 28, 2023

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment
New:
District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Confidentiality Agreement
DACs from districts administering the ACCESS for ELLs who have not already completed the 2023-24 DAC Confidentiality Agreement should do so now and submit to OEA as soon as possible. The form may be completed electronically and signed electronically using Acrobat Reader. Be sure to read the terms for each assessment and select the appropriate options on the ACT agreement prior to signing. The entire document needs to be submitted to OEA once signed. All other confidentiality forms (SACs, DTCs, STCs, etc.) remain individual forms, but may be completed electronically, and once completed are to be retained at the school/district level.

Accountability
Reminder:
Data for 2023-24 Accountability Being Captured December 5
The WISEdata Student Snapshot scheduled for December 5 will capture data to be used throughout 2023-24 School and District Report Cards and ESSA and IDEA accountability systems. Please see page 1 of the November 9 DAC Digest for more information and resources to help you prepare your data for this upcoming snapshot. If you have questions about the student data snapshot or how to resolve data issues, please submit a WISE Help Ticket.

ACT
New:
Selecting 2024 ACT Test Date/Window - Deadline
The deadline for selecting your 2024 ACT testing date/window is **December 8.** Schools should select test dates, testing mode, shipping dates, and verify addresses under each high school profile in PearsonAccess^next. If your school/district has a conflict that would prevent testing in Test Window 1 or 2, please reach out to Nikki Braconier for assistance. As a reminder, DPI strongly encourages schools to **test as early as possible** to maximize the number of makeup testing dates available.

Managing Contact Information and User Accounts in PearsonAccess^next (PAnext)
DACs should update the contact information section of PAnext as soon as possible to ensure ACT and DPI have the correct contact information on file to avoid delays in shipping and receipt of important assessment information. Please also remember to grant access to the PAnext spring 2024 ACT portal to testing staff and remove access for users no longer in testing roles.

Wisconsin Specific ACT Office Hours
ACT and DPI will be hosting four Wisconsin Specific ACT Office Hours this year. The first Office Hours meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 6 at 10:00am**. We will briefly cover ACT accommodations and supports, then open up the floor for general Q&A. No registration is required. Office hours meetings are held via Microsoft Teams and each may be accessed using the same 2024 Wisconsin ACT Office Hours Meeting Link.

All additional training opportunities and office hours are listed on the DPI ACT Trainings webpage.

PreACT Secure
Reminder:
2024 Technical Readiness Resources
The technical requirements for taking the PreACT Secure and the PreACT Secure Technical Guide have been posted under the Wisconsin PreACT Secure Webpage, Step 2.

Forward Exam
New:
2024 DRC INSIGHT Portal Permissions
DRC has assigned DACs permission to access the 2024 DRC INSIGHT Portal. DACs do not need to assign permissions to other users until January or February 2024. Information about how to assign users will be provided in the DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide, available on January 8. DACs who did not receive the email from 'noreply@datarecognitioncorp.com' with the subject line "Your DRC INSIGHT Portal Account Has a New Profile", please contact the DRC Help Desk at (800) 459-6530.

Technology Training Videos
The Forward Exam District Technology Training Videos are now available on the Forward Exam Technology Requirements and Resources webpage. This year DRC has provided six short training videos that cover all information District Technology Coordinators (DTCs) need to install Central Office Services and set up student testing devices.

Reminder:
2023-24 Technology User Guide
The Forward Exam Technology User Guide is now available on the Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage. The user guide is a multi-volume set that describes how to configure, install, manage, and troubleshoot the DRC INSIGHT System.

Other Related Information
New:
UW Direct Admissions Program
The Deputy State Superintendent sent an email to districts on October 27 regarding the new direct admissions program being implemented within universities of Wisconsin. This program

provides an excellent opportunity to support students and remove barriers to their college admissions process.

General information about the program and a link to the dedicated webpage and contact person were included in the email. Please share this information with District Administration; interested districts must opt in by December 1, 2023. Contact Corina Diaz-Suazo at directadmitwi@uwsa.edu with questions.

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
December 5	WISEdash Snapshot	ALL
December 6	Attend Wisconsin Specific ACT Office Hour	ACT
December 8	Deadline to select ACT testing and shipping dates	ACT
December 29	New Forward Exam Practice Tests available	Forward
January 8	DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide and Test Administration Manual available	Forward
January 8	DAC and Test Administrator training videos available	Forward
January 8	Updated Student and Administrator Tutorials available	Forward
January 10	Attend ACT online testing/Technology Readiness training	ACT
January 17	Attend Wisconsin Specific ACT Office Hour	ACT
January 19	Deadline to submit accommodations/supports in TAA	ACT

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