WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

ACT
New:
Newly Enrolled Students
ACT will automatically send testing materials and barcode labels for all students listed on your roster by January 31. To enroll students after January 31, follow the steps outlined under the **Add or Remove Student** section of the PearsonAccess[next] User Guide. **Newly enrolled students will not automatically receive testing materials.** You must manually place an order for test materials within the PearsonAccess[next] site. Instructions for ordering additional test materials are outlined in the PearsonAccess[next] User Guide, within the **Requirements for Additional Materials Order** section.

Upcoming ACT Trainings
Visit the DPI ACT Training webpage to register for these upcoming ACT trainings:
- Test Administration #2 webinar - February 10, 10:30 -11:30 am.
- Office Hours - Testing Virtual Students - February 21, 11:00 am -12:00 pm.

Student Preparation and Sample Tests
Free ACT practice tests and preparation materials can be found on the DPI ACT Practice Tests and Sample Items webpage.

Accommodations Reconsideration Deadline - February 2
The reconsideration deadline for accommodations and English learner supports is February 2. This deadline applies to **reconsideration requests only**. If you have an initial request where ACT has issued a decision notification that requires further review, please submit the request for reconsideration no later than February 2. For assistance, please see Requesting Reconsideration (TAA User Guide).

Educator Involvement Opportunity
DPI is recruiting a diverse group of Wisconsin educators to establish cut scores for the ACT in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics and Science. These cut scores are independent of ACT's College and Career Readiness Benchmarks and are used for state accountability. The Standard Setting will be an in-person, two-day meeting held in Madison on July 10-11, 2024. For more information about this opportunity and instructions on how to apply, visit the DPI ACT Educator Involvement Opportunities webpage.

PreACT Secure

New:

Student Preparation and Sample Test

A paper practice test for the PreACT Secure is now available on the Wisconsin PreACT Secure webpage, (Step 4). It is available as a PDF that can be printed and distributed for students to become familiar with the content, format, and testing procedures of the assessment. An online version of the practice test is still in development and is expected to be released in late February. Districts can still use the ACT online practice test to familiarize students with TestNav.

Office Hours

ACT and DPI will hold the first of two PreACT Secure Office Hours on Tuesday, February 6, 10:00 am. Visit the DPI PreACT Secure Training webpage to register for this event and all future training opportunities.

Reminder:

Student Roster Upload

DPI loaded PreACT Secure student rosters into PAnext on January 26. Schools can now begin verifying rosters and assigning accommodations. DPI and ACT will send out detailed instructions via email on how to complete these tasks the week of January 29. Instructions and resources can also be found in the Step 2, Configuration: Verify Enrollment Counts.

Forward Exam

New:

DRAFT ELA Short Write Task Rubric Now Available

DRC has released the grade 3 DRAFT rubrics for the ELA short write tasks. Once finalized there will be grade-level rubrics for each writing mode. This DRAFT rubric will provide educators with information about how the short write tasks will be scored. The rubrics are based on W3 in the ELA writing standards for each grade. Rubrics will not be finalized until after the ELA Rangefinding meeting which will occur in April. Finalized grade-level rubrics will not be released until late summer or early fall. The DRAFT rubric is available on the Forward Exam Resources webpage.

Student Data Upload

The student data submitted to DRC on January 25 will be available for users to view and edit on March 4. Please ensure that any corrections made to the data in the DRC INSIGHT Portal are also reflected in the district's Student Information System (SIS). The student demographic data file that is used to upload multiple student accessibility features during the Optional Add Accessibility Features Window will be available for download on February 12.

Reminders:

Forward Exam Q&A webinar

On February 7 at 12:30 pm, the second of three optional Q&A webinar sessions will take place (see the Forward Exam Calendar webpage for third Q&A webinar date). This webinar is an opportunity to ask DPI and DRC staff questions about Forward Exam test set-up, administration, or technology that may have come up after reviewing the training videos and other resources. To join the webinar on February 7, please use this Forward Exam Q&A webinar session Zoom link.

ELA Test Design and Short Write Tasks Information and FAQ

We appreciate the questions from Districts regarding the new ELA test design and short write tasks. These topics are discussed in detail in the DAC/SAC Training and the Test Administrator Trainings available on the Forward Exam Trainings webpage. There is also a handout available on the Forward Exam Resources webpage that explains the changes and provides answers to common questions about the short write tasks. Share this handout with your educators. We have also included the short write task FAQs on the Forward Exam FAQ webpage.

Optional Add Accessibility Features Window Begins February 12
During this optional window (February 12-23), districts may use the Multiple Student Upload process to upload designated supports and accommodations for multiple students at one time into the DRC INSIGHT Portal. This two-week **optional** window is the only time this method of uploading accessibility features is available. As a reminder, Text-to-Speech is now a Universal Support for all students and does not need to be assigned in the Portal. If you choose not to take advantage of the window, you may still enter supports and accommodations into the DRC INSIGHT Portal on an individual student or "mass assign" basis as needed, beginning March 4. Instructions for all three processes are available in the DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide.

Read Aloud (Human Reader) Accommodation Prior Approval
The Read Aloud **accommodation** is different from the Read Aloud **designated support**. The accommodation is only available to a student with visual impairments who is receiving instruction in contracted braille but not yet proficient, and whose need is documented in an IEP or 504 plan. The student must meet all five criteria on the Request for Read Aloud Accommodation Form for the Forward Exam. If a student requires the Read Aloud accommodation and meets the criteria stated on the form, the DAC must submit a Request for Read Aloud Accommodation Form to the Office of Educational Accountability. DPI will review the request, and if approved, activate the process. Students who do not meet all criteria but require Read Aloud (a human reader) should use the Read Aloud designated support.

Reminder:
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.

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

Date	Event	Program
February 5	Begin creating and assigning students to test sessions for Test Window 1	ACT
February 5 - March 5	Material order window for Test Window 1	ACT
February 6	Attend PreACT Secure Office Hour	PreACT Secure
February 7	Forward Exam Q&A Webinar	Forward
February 12	ACT materials ship for Test Window 1 (early date selection)	ACT
February 12	Begin training ACT testing staff	ACT
February 12-23	Optional Add Accessibility Features window	Forward
February 19	ACT materials ship for Test Window 1	ACT
February 26	Paper testing order window opens	PreACT Secure

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