WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment
New:
Statewide Assessment Windows Close This Week
We would like to thank everyone for administering the spring Statewide Assessments. Your attention to detail helps to ensure all students have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. We appreciate you and the time and effort you put into assessing our students.

Reminder:
Test Participation
Statewide assessments are required by state law. Participation of all enrolled students ensures the validity of test results used for state accountability determinations, public reporting, and continuous improvement. Please work with building leaders to plan for successful test administrations by:
- Scheduling time for make-up assessments to ensure completion within the windows.
- Planning your testing schedule around local cultural events, holidays, and activities to allow students to do their best.
- Planning to administer the English Language Arts (ELA) portion of the Forward Exam early in the test window.
- Regularly monitoring test participation within each assessment's administrative platform to ensure greater than 95 percent participation for all students and student groups.
- Working with your virtual schools to ensure they are testing all students enrolled in tested grades.

ACT
New:
ACT Test Administration
Spring 2024 ACT testing has concluded. Please ensure that all materials have been sent back to ACT, test sessions are stopped, and test content purged from caching computers.

Entering Not Tested Codes
Students who did not take the ACT during any of the three testing windows will need to be marked as "not tested" in PAnext. Please follow the instructions outlined in the ACT Administration Supplement - Entering Not Tested Codes to complete this process. If you have a large number of Not Tested Codes to enter, you can upload them using the Student Registration Export. Review the DPI April 3 ACT program email for instructions. **Deadline to enter Not Tested Codes is April 26**.

ACT Standard Setting - Deadline to Apply May 1
DPI is recruiting a diverse group of Wisconsin educators to establish cut scores for the ACT in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics and Science. This event will take place in Madison July 10-11, 2024. This is a great opportunity to be a part of DPI's assessment work, have detailed input on the ACT, and take knowledge back to your district about the process. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please visit [DPI's ACT Educator Involvement Opportunities webpage](#).

PreACT Secure
New:
Final Testing Week
This is the final week of PreACT Secure testing. Any 9th and 10th grade students who have not completed testing will need to test this week. Testing concludes on **April 26**.

PreACT Secure Scores
On May 1, PreACT Secure scores will begin to post in [Success](#). Student scores will continue to post throughout May with all scores and data being finalized on May 30. **No paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be sent to schools. Schools will be responsible for downloading and disseminating ISRs to families.** DPI encourages schools to wait until all data is final before downloading and distributing ISRs. Instructions on how to access and download ISRs will be communicated in the upcoming weeks.

Reminder:
Post Testing Reminders
Once testing is complete:
- Complete all test administration forms for each testing room and collect materials (online and paper testing).
- Ensure all test sessions have been stopped. If testing has been completed and sessions are showing "In-Progress," remove all students who did not test (Ready status) and "Mark Complete" students who have completed testing. Do not mark not-tested students as complete.
- Enter any test irregularity reports into PearsonAccess^{next} (paper and online testing). [Online Administration Manual](#) (p. 39).
- Prepare and return all **paper accommodated secure materials** to ACT (p. 31 of [Test Coordinator Manual](#)). Deadline **May 10**.
- Purge cached test content from all servers on **April 26.**
- Enter Not-Tested Codes. **Deadline** May 3 -Instructions can be found at: [Instructions for Entering Not Tested Codes-PreACT Secure.](#)

Note: Do not return any online testing materials to ACT. Retain onsite for one year then securely destroy.

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam Test Window Closes April 26

The Forward Exam test window closes on April 26. All students enrolled in grades 3-8 and 10 during the test window are expected to participate in the Forward Exam (or DLM) and will be included when determining the district and school test participation rates. Please complete all make-up testing by this Friday.

Forward Exam 10th Grade Social Studies

This is an important reminder to ensure your 10th grade students participate in the Forward Social Studies Exam. All testing must be completed by April 26.

Forward Exam Not-Tested Codes

District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) must enter a Not-Tested Code (NTC) in the DRC INSIGHT Portal for all students who were unable to be tested or who participated in the DLM. **The deadline to enter Not-Tested Codes is May 3**, this deadline cannot be extended. Students must be in a test session in order to view, assign, or edit their NTC. Information on assigning NTCs is available on p. 32 of the [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#).

Tasks that Must be Completed Prior to the End of the Testing Window

Prior to the end of the window all districts should:

- Utilize the Student Status Dashboard (see p. 41 of the [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#)) in the DRC INSIGHT Portal to monitor testing progress for each school and identify students that still need to complete test sessions.
- Check student demographic data for completeness and accuracy. Reporting in the DRC INSIGHT Portal and on Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be based on student demographics as they are found in the DRC INSIGHT Portal. Accountability and WISEdash reporting will be based primarily on student data submitted to DPI through the WISEdata system.

Option to Decline Paper ISRs

All districts currently receive the Individual Student Reports (ISRs) in the following formats:

- One master PDF with all students, in all grades, in all schools, in the district (sorted by grade, then school).
- Separate PDFs for each school and grade in the district (multiple files, one for each school and grade)
- New for this year – all districts will receive Individual Student Reports (ISRs) provided in a zipped folder. This format allows for easier upload of the electronic ISRs to a student information system (SIS) or secure parent portal.
- Two paper copies (one for the student file and the other one to be shared with the parent/guardian).

Districts now have the option to decline the paper ISRs by having their DAC complete and submit the [2024 Forward Exam Request to Decline Paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Form](#) by June 28. Districts are still required to provide parents/guardians with a complete ISR in either a secure electronic version or paper version.

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
[2024 Forward Exam Request to Decline Paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Form](#)	Form to decline the receipt of Paper ISRs.	Forward

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
April 26	**Forward and PreACT Secure test windows close**	Forward & PreACT Secure
April 26	Final day to enter Not Tested Codes	ACT
May 1	Deadline to apply for ACT Standard Setting	ACT
May 1	PreACT Secure scores will begin to post to Success	PreACT Secure
May 3	Final day to enter Not Tested Codes	PreACT Secure
May 10	Deadline to apply for New Item Review	Forward
May 30	PreACT Secure ISRs and data files final in ACT Online Reporting (Success)	PreACT Secure
June 4	ACT school and district aggregated data available in ACT's Online Reporting System (Success)	ACT

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