



# The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

May 1, 2024

## Assessment

### New:

#### Statewide Assessment Windows are Closed

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.

## Accountability

### New:

#### Resource Inequity Data Tool

The 2023-24 Resource Inequity Data Tool is now available in the [Secure Access File Exchange \(SAFE\)](#). This tool helps school and district staff examine the distribution of resources within their schools and align these resources with local equity goals. Specifically, this tool will help school and district staff:

- Examine distribution of resources: staffing, funding, course offerings, instructional materials, and engagement with families.
- Compare school, district, and state data to see where your school and district stand relative to others.
- Ask key questions to find patterns in the data.
- Plan action steps to better align distribution of resources with local goals.

The Resource Inequity Data Tool was designed as a resource for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI/ATSI) schools developing [improvement plans](#). Though the tool is specifically targeted to these identified schools, it is also provided to all schools to help identify and address resource inequities. Please note that schools are not required to access or use this tool. It is part of DPI's work to support schools and districts across the state by providing relevant resources to facilitate the [continuous improvement process](#). Please contact [dpititle1@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:dpititle1@dpi.wi.gov) with any questions.

#### Spring Demographic Snapshot - May 21

DPI will conduct the WISEdata Spring Demographic Snapshot on May 21. Please take this opportunity to review your student data to ensure your enrollment and demographic values are up-to-date and accurate for the snapshot. These data will be used to make sure that demographics associated with, and reported



for, assessment results are as accurate and timely as possible. For more information on the snapshot, including data elements and resources, please read [this snapshot announcement](#) from the DPI Customer Service team. If you have any questions in preparation for the snapshot, please submit a [WISE Help Ticket](#).

## Reminder:

### Final Joint Federal Notifications

Final joint federal notifications (JFN) were provided to schools and districts in [SAFE, the Secure Access File Exchange](#), on **April 23**. For more information on the JFN preliminary release, please refer to the [email to District Administrators from Associate Deputy State Superintendent Tom McCarthy](#). For questions about ESSA, please contact [Sam Bohrod](#). For questions about IDEA, please contact [Courtney Reed Jenkins](#). You can also [reserve a time slot for a JFN technical assistance call](#).

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## ACCESS for ELLs

### New:

#### Post-Reporting Data Validation Window

A final post-reporting data validation window will be open from May 7 - 21. This is the last chance to correct any irregularities in student reports. Any changes made during this window will be reflected in updated electronic reports available on June 5. Data is now available in the DRC Insight portal, and paper score reports will be delivered on May 10.

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## ACT

### New:

See the [ACT webpage](#) for calendar dates, information, and resources.

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## PreACT Secure

### New:

#### PreACT Secure Testing Concluded

Spring 2024 PreACT Secure testing has concluded. Please ensure that all paper accommodated materials have been sent back to ACT (due May 10), test sessions are stopped, and test content purged from caching computers.

### Reminder:

#### 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. **Please share this information with your schools.**

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## DLM

### New:

#### DLM Score Reports

The DLM Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be electronically available to districts in the Educator Portal on June 21. Be sure to provide parents/guardians with ISRs as soon as possible after electronic receipt.

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## Forward Exam

### New:

#### Forward Exam Reports

The spring 2024 Forward Exam for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics was aligned to the new Wisconsin Standards for ELA (adopted in 2020) and Mathematics (adopted in 2021). Due to this new alignment and subsequent changes to the test designs, Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal July 26. Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts August 27. Be sure to send ISRs out to parents/guardians as soon as possible after receipt either in hard copy or via your secure parent portal.

### Reminders:

#### 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](#).

#### 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.

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## NAEP and International Assessments

*(for schools selected to participate in 2023-24 assessments only)*

### Reminder:

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for information and resources. Contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions. If there are issues with the [NAEP AMS](#), please contact the NAEP Help Desk at [NAEPHelp@westat.com](mailto:NAEPHelp@westat.com) or (800) 283-6237.

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## Reading Readiness

### Reminder:

#### Reading Readiness Reimbursement 2023-2024

District Assessment Coordinators should have submitted the reimbursement request for Reading Readiness for their district by the April 19 deadline. If your district has not yet submitted, please do so as soon as possible. Districts should expect to receive reimbursements by early June. More information can be found on the [Reading Readiness Reimbursement webpage](#).

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## Assessment

### New:

#### Sharing Results from the Wisconsin Student Assessment System

The 2023-24 Vendor-Based Reporting Information is now available under Wisconsin State Assessment Timelines on the [Assessment webpage](#). DPI publicly releases summary test score data for the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) in the fall. As such, DPI strongly recommends that districts coordinate their own public release with the DPI public release. After the secure release of results to districts and prior to the public release, DPI performs additional quality assurance, data validation, and data redaction when needed to protect student privacy.

Districts may share their summary assessment results with their school boards prior to the DPI public release. Districts may not publicly share personally identifiable information and therefore would be responsible to ensure shared results are redacted to comply with data security and student privacy requirements, as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state law. More information about maintaining student data privacy is available on the [Student Data Privacy webpage](#).

District summary data may be shared with district and school staff who understand the data security and student privacy requirements outlined in FERPA and state law. This allows district staff to use the data for professional development, continuous improvement efforts, and other planning purposes. Districts may share individual student reports with parents or guardians, teachers, school leaders, and others with a legitimate interest.

Districts should not share the statewide data reported in the vendor portals. This data has not yet been through DPI's quality assurance and validation process and is therefore subject to change. Final statewide results, which are used in accountability calculations, will be released in WISEdash in the fall.

## 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
<a href="#">2024 Forward Exam Request to Decline Paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Form</a>	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
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 7	Post-Reporting Data Validation Opens	ACCESS

Date	Event	Program
May 10	Deadline to apply for New Item Review	Forward
May 10	Deadline to return PreACT Secure paper accommodated testing materials	PreACT Secure
May 10	Paper Reports Delivered	ACCESS
May 21	Post-Reporting Data Validation Closes	ACCESS
May 21	Spring Demographic Snapshot	WISEdata
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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