Wisconsin Statewide Assessment System

Wisconsin Forward Exam

Students in Grades 3-8 will take the New Wisconsin Summative Assessment online in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, and in science at 4 and 8, and social studies at grades 4, 8, and 10.

March 28 – May 20, 2016	Forward – ELA and Mathematics Grades 3-8, Science Grades 4 and 8, Social Studies Grades 4, 8, and 10

ACT Aspire™ Early High School Assessment

ACT Aspire™ assesses students in grades 9 and 10 for readiness in English, mathematics, reading, science, and writing. These scores predict future ACT scores and WorkKeys.

April 25 – May 27, 2016	ACT Aspire Grades 9-10

The ACT® Plus Writing

The ACT Plus Writing is administered to students in grade 11 and consists of four multiple-choice tests: English, mathematics, reading, and science, and a 30-minute essay test that measures writing skills. The ACT can be used for college enrollment, scholarships, and NCAA eligibility requirements.

March 1 and 15, 2016	**March 1** - The ACT Plus Writing Grade 11 **March 15** - The ACT Plus Writing Grade 11 Makeup Day **March 1-15** - The ACT Plus Writing for Students Testing with Accommodations

ACT® WorkKeys®

ACT WorkKeys is administered to students in grade 11 and consists of 3 tests: Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information. Students taking WorkKeys can earn National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC), used by employers to ensure prospective employees have the necessary skills.

March 2 and 16, 2016	**March 2** - ACT WorkKeys Grade 11 **March 16 -** ACT WorkKeys Grade 11 Makeup Day **March 2-16** - ACT WorkKeys for Students Testing with Accommodations

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

DLM assesses the academic progress of students with significant cognitive disabilities. It is administered online in grades 3-11 for English language arts and mathematics and also in grades 4 and 8-11 for science.

March 28 – May 20, 2016	DLM – ELA and Mathematics Grades 3-11, Science Grades 4 and 8-11, and Social Studies Grades 4, 8, and 10

Additional Statewide Assessments

ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is an online assessment system that measures the English language proficiency (ELP) of English learners (ELs) in Grades K- 12. This assessment allows educators, students, and families to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English in the domains of speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Alternate ACCESS for ELLs™

The Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is an ELP assessment. It's administered in the four language domains of listening, reading, speaking, and writing for students in grades 1-12 identified as ELLs who have significant cognitive disabilities.

December 7, 2015 – February 19, 2016	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, NAEP assessments are conducted annually in reading and mathematics, with additional subjects tested each year such as science, writing, U.S. history, civics, geography, technology and engineering literacy, the arts, and other subjects. NAEP collects and reports academic achievement at the national level, and for certain assessments, at the state and district levels.

January 25, 2016 - March 4, 2016	NAEP (for selected schools only)

Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)

PALS is not a reading test. PALS is a research-based screener/tool that teachers use to:

- Identify students who are struggling to learn to read
- Find out what each student is ready to learn next, and
- Check each student's reading progress during the school year.

September 14 – October 9	PALS 1-2
October 12 – November 6	PALS 4K-K
April 25 – May 20	PALS 4K-2