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Dear educators:

Here are the biweekly updates for the ACT High School Assessments:

Web page Update

The DPI web pages are undergoing some changes now as we move to a new system. This means the DPI assessment web page will no longer be oea.dpi.wi.gov. This will now be <http://dpi.wi.gov/osa-oea>.

- The ACT High School Assessment web page will be <http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act>. This web page includes some useful information such as
 1. Calendar and check lists for the ACT, the Work Keys, and the ACT ASPIRE activities.
 2. Information on the types of reports that were shipped out to districts and schools after Spring 2015 testing,
 3. The information on Wisconsin state-specific cut scores for ACT is available in the ACT Data Proficiency web page <http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/data/proficiency>. Wisconsin has recently established cut scores for the ACT assessment for **accountability purposes** to delineate each performance level, such that they are aligned to college and career readiness benchmarks and expectations.

ACT ASPIRE Portal Clean-up

- District assessment coordinators and high school principals should access the ACT Aspire Portal and update the permission status of district and school users.
- Please review the list of users in the portal who have access to the reports in your district and school to ensure that only the employees authorized to have access are listed in the portal as your district and school ASPIRE users.
- Add or delete the users as appropriate to ensure correct access of student data. Guidance for managing permission status of authorized users can be found at [ACT Aspire Portal User Guide](#).

Secure Data Release

- The 11th grade ACT Statewide Assessment results from the Spring 2015 are now available in WISE dash for Districts. Two ACT Statewide dashboards are provided: 1) ACT Benchmarks; 2) DPI Benchmarks. For more information, please see

http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/wise_dashact. If you have any questions or need any help with WISEdash, please create a [WISEdash Help Ticket](#) and someone will get back to you.

These results are embargoed and should not be shared or used outside the district until publicly released by DPI in the WISEdash Public Portal later this fall.

What is coming up?

- **Establishment Process** (Process through which the Test Coordinator provides their school's information to ACT in order to participate in the ACT testing program) for the ACT plus Writing and WorkKeys: **Oct 12, 2015 - Oct 23, 2015**.
- ACT will be sending out emails on October 8th and 12th about establishment. The emails will cover topics such as establishment materials posted online, and the establishment window opening.
- **Accommodations:** Requests for ACT approved accommodations for Spring 2016 ACT should be submitted online. More information and training videos will become available in the coming weeks.

Most of the ACT, ACT ASPIRE, and WorkKeys web pages are updated. We are currently working on the accessibility and the test security pages. Specific information regarding the Spring 2016 testing will be included in the ACT High School Assessment web page as the manuals and additional resources become available.

Thanks,
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