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To: Wisconsin ACT General Updates
Subject: Statewide High School Assessment Updates

Dear educators:

Here are the biweekly updates for the ACT high school assessments:

The ACT High School Assessment webpage

The DPI ACT High School Assessment webpage <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ACT> is updated with information such as test times for the ACT, ACT ASPIRE, and the ACT Work Keys assessments by grade and content area, checklist of dates, sample items, data and results etc. There have been some changes made to the ACT ASPIRE test times. You may also notice that the test times for Spring 2016 ACT writing will be 40 minutes as a result of enhancements to the writing assessment.

ACT Aspire

The newly released Chrome 45 browser from Google no longer supports the Java plug-in that TestNav uses to launch secure browser-based tests. The information regarding how to handle this change is available in the ACT ASPIRE technology requirements webpage <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ACT/technology>. Please contact ACT ASPIRE at 888-802-502 or ACTAspire_Implementation@ACTAspire.org for further clarification on this matter.

The ACT and Work Keys

A welcome document, with assessment overview, common terms used, and a brief test cycle which illustrates the milestone activities during a testing phase, and the length of time for the relevant activities, is available in the ACT webpage <http://www.act.org/aap/wisconsin/files/WelcometoStateandDistrictTesting.pdf>. The testing cycle starts with establishment and ends with reporting.

Establishment process:

- The ACT Establishment process is basically a way for the test coordinator (TC) to provide their schools' information to ACT, in order to participate in the ACT testing program. Establishment begins on Monday, October 12, 2015 and closes on Friday, October 23, 2015.
- Staff who won't be serving as school TC should contact their district official to have this information changed with ACT.

- Next Steps: Watch for emails from ACT on October 8th and 12th about establishment. These emails will cover the topics such as establishment materials posted online, the establishment window opening.

Important Dates to Remember	
October	2nd week: Establishment materials posted online
	12: Accommodation trainings become available
	12-23: Window for test coordinator (TC) to submit establishment information to ACT
November	4: Accommodations Q&A session - 1
	10: Accommodations Q&A session - 2
	20 - Deadline to submit requests for ACT-approved accommodations

Thanks,
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