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Dear Educators,

Welcome to the first 2019-20 biweekly email update for the ACT high school assessments. This email communication will go out to high school principals, test coordinators, and DACs every other week and will contain information about the statewide ACT with writing for grade 11 students and statewide summative ACT Aspire for grades 9 and 10 students. All biweekly ACT emails will be archived on the Assessment Correspondence page.

### **2020 Test Date Information**

- In 2020, the three ACT state test dates are March 3 (initial), March 17 (makeup) and March 31 (emergency).
- School test coordinators must manage their school's test participation by selecting the correct test dates and ordering the correct materials in the PAnext test administration portal. This is critical because ACT test materials are specific to each test date and may only be used for that date (or window in the case of accommodations materials).
- Further instructions for selecting test dates and "managing participation" in PAnext will be sent via the DAC Digest, biweekly ACT test coordinator emails, and emails from ACT.

### **2020 PearsonAccessNext and TAA System Will Open November 4**

The 2020 version of PearsonAccessNext will be available on November 4. Starting on this date, DACs can log into the system and update school test coordinator contact information. From November 4 through the end of the month, school test coordinators will be able to log into PAnext and "manage participation" for their schools. "Managing participation" involves selecting testing dates and materials shipment dates for ACT and WorkKeys. On November 4, the Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) system will be open for state testing. Starting on this date, school staff can submit requests for students' accommodations and accessibility supports for the 2020 state testing window.

### **Save the Dates for 2019-20 Training Webinars**

An invitation to register for each 2019-20 test administration training webinar will be sent in advance of each training. Registration links will be sent via email from ACT, posted in the Schedule of Events and DAC Digest, and included in the biweekly ACT email sent from DPI to school test coordinators. All webinars will be recorded and the links will be posted to the DPI ACT Trainings webpage.

- ACT Accommodations: November 7, 11:00am-12:00pm, [registration link](#)
- ACT Test Administration #1: December 5, 10:30-11:30am, [registration link](#)
- ACT Test Administration #2: January 23, 10:30-11:30am, [registration link](#)
- WI Aspire Technical Readiness Training: February 4, 10:30-11:30am, [registration link](#)
- WI Aspire Test Administration Training: February 6, 10:30-11:30am, [registration link](#)

### **Free ACT and ACT Aspire Test Preparation Resources**

Links to practice tests and exemplar items for the ACT and Aspire can be found at the [DPI ACT Practice Tests/Sample Items website](#).

Alternate format practice tests may be ordered using the [Order Form for Alternate Format Practice Tests](#).

ACT offers free personalized test preparation through the [ACT Academy](#) to all students. Students, teachers, and parents can create an account. This account allows students to track their progress and keep moving forward in their test preparation. Short quizzes are designed to help students identify the content they have mastered and to clarify areas where more focus is needed. If students have already taken the ACT or PreACT they can simply enter their scores and custom playlists will be automatically created. ACT Academy creates automated daily playlists that include the basic lessons each student needs to master the ACT. After each lesson, a short quiz will determine if the resources given helped the student learn the material.

----- Thank you for your contributions to a successful testing experience for all students.

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*Wisconsin high school principals, district assessment coordinators, and ACT test coordinators received this email.*