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Dear Educators,

Please read below for important information about deadlines and updates related to statewide ACT testing.

ACT with Writing

DEADLINE NEXT FRIDAY, Jan 15 Submit ACT Accommodations and English Learner Supports in TAA

- Submit ACT accommodations through the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) by Friday, January 15. **This is a firm deadline.**
- Log into TAA to view decisions on accommodations requests. If a request is not approved, you can submit again for reconsideration through January 22. If you are unsure about what documentation to submit for reconsideration, contact the ACT Accommodations team at 800-553-6244 x1788 or actstateaccoms@act.org.
- After reviewing decisions in TAA, if accommodations requests are not approved, please contact Nikki Braconier with the DPI Office of Educational Accountability (nicole.braconier@dpi.wi.gov) as soon as possible.
- [Late consideration](#) of accommodations will be permitted through March 5 **only** for students who: (1) transfer to your school after January 15 (2) are newly classified as grade 11 after January 15, (3) have a sudden onset of a medical emergency after January 15, or (4) have been newly evaluated and diagnosed with a disability and started on new accommodations after January 15.

Verify Student Data in PearsonAccess^{Next} Jan 20-22

- On Tuesday Jan 19, DPI will load student names from WISEdata into PAnext.
- School staff will have from January 20-22 to verify that student enrollment is correct and indicate testing mode for each student (paper or online).
- Detailed instructions for this process will be provided next week.

Online Testing Reminders:

- **There is no remote proctoring of the ACT. All paper and online testing must be administered in-person.**
- Some student accommodations require paper testing (i.e. human reader, large print). If you choose online testing and a student's accommodation requires paper testing materials, paper testing materials will automatically be sent and **must** be used when administering the assessment. Please reference the [High-Incidence Accommodations, Local Arrangements, and Accessibility Supports on the ACT® Test for State Testing and District Testing](#) for a list of accommodations available for each testing mode.
- If you have selected to test the ACT online or are considering online testing as a contingency or for make-up testing, complete site readiness activities:

- Review the [technical requirements](#) and the [Online Testing Site Readiness](#) training with your designated Technical Coordinator to ensure your site meets all requirements to test online.
- Technical Coordinator should run through all activities outlined in the [Technical Coordinator Site Readiness Checklist](#)
- Additional resources and trainings tutorials for online testing are available on the [Wisconsin ACT Website](#)

Training Webinars

- Recorded versions of the ACT Test Administration #1, Accommodations and Online Testing Site Readiness webinars are available on the [DPI ACT Trainings](#) webpage.
- [Registration](#) is open for Test Administration Webinar #2, scheduled Thursday, February 11, 10:30-11:30am. Please note that the two Test Administration trainings cover different content, so test coordinators should attend both.
- All trainings will be recorded and posted to the DPI ACT Trainings page.

NEW –ACT Office Hours

DPI and ACT are teaming up to offer “ACT Office Hours” every Thursday, January 14 through April 15. During this hour we will use the first 10-15 minutes to review a designated ACT testing topic (schedule below) and the remaining time will be used to answer any questions.

When: Thursdays, 9:00-10:00AM

Meeting Links:

[Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Join on your computer or mobile app

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 515-207-8727, 384243553#](#) United States, Iowa City

Phone Conference ID: 384 243 553#

Office Hours Schedule:

Date	Discussion Topic
January 14, 2021	New STCs! – Get Familiar with Wisconsin statewide testing
January 21, 2021	Online Testing
January 28, 2021	Spring Testing –Online v. Paper
February 4, 2021	Ordering Additional Materials/Enroll and Unenroll Process
February 11, 2021	Testing Virtual Students
February 18, 2021	Preparing for ACT testing
February 25, 2021	Completing non-test portion in MyACT
March 4, 2021	Testing Amidst COVID-19
March 11, 2021	Material Order for Test Window 2 and returning materials
March 18, 2021	ACT Aspire Testing – Preparing for online testing
March 25, 2021	Material Order for Test Window 3 and returning materials
April 1, 2021	Open Session
April 8, 2021	ACT Aspire Testing – After testing is complete

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

Please contact the Office of Educational Accountability with any questions you might have: (608) 266-1075

Thank you

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