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Dear Educators,

ACT testing is officially underway and we want to thank you and your staff for your dedication and support testing students this spring. Below are a few updates and reminders for ACT and Aspire testing.

ACT with writing

May 5 Testing Opportunity

In response to the continued need for flexibility and additional testing opportunities, DPI has worked with ACT to secure one additional make-up opportunity for the ACT. An additional test day has been scheduled for **Wednesday**, May 5 and will only be administered in a paper and pencil format. An accommodations window of May 5-7 and 10-11 has also been scheduled.

May 5 Testing Important Dates

Task	Deadline
Standard Paper Testing	May 5
Paper Accommodations Testing	May 5-7 and 10-11
Order Materials	April 20-22
Materials Arrive	Week of April 26
Materials Pick-Up	Standard Materials – May 6 Accommodated Materials – May 12

Note: An updated [Schedule of Events](#) will be posted to ACT's website by early next week with all testing dates, tasks and deadlines.

Reporting

With the addition of the May 5 testing date, schools and districts can anticipate receiving school and district ACT reports in August. Students will begin to receive their ACT scores within 3-8 weeks of when test materials were received by ACT.

Post Testing Reminders – Window 1:

Returning Materials:

For schools who administered the paper ACT on March 9, your materials should have been picked up by FedEx on March 10. Accommodations and online testing materials are scheduled to be picked up on March 22. If FedEx does not pick-up your materials, please

contact ACT immediately at (800) 553-6244, ext. 2800. Late arriving answer documents will not be scored by ACT.

Online Testing

Once all testing for Test Window 1 has been completed, Technical Coordinators must purge all test content from all proctor caching computers.

Schools Unable to Test

If your school was scheduled to test during Window 1 and was unable to test, please follow the instructions outlined in the [Late Start-Rescheduling document](#).

Non-Tested Students

If you have students on your roster who will not take the ACT during any of the three testing windows, you will need to mark those students as not tested in PANext. Please follow the instructions outlined in the [How to Enter Not Tested Codes document](#) to complete this process.

Make-Up Testing Options:

Online Testing:

- Online Testing may be used for make-up testing, regardless of the initial mode of testing. Schools may use any remaining online testing dates within Windows 1-3 for make-ups. If you use online testing as a make-up for a missed paper date, you will need to change the test delivery format of the students to online. Please refer to the [Switching from Paper to Online Testing](#) document for instructions **and** order an [Online Testing Materials Return Kit](#).
- Note: Some accommodations will still require paper testing; take note of these students and order paper accommodation make-up materials if needed.

Paper Testing Only:

- Standard Administration: March 23, April 13 or May 5
- Paper Accommodations: March 23-26, 29-31; April 13-16, 19-23; May 5-7, 10-11
- Reference the [Schedule of Events](#) for deadlines on when to reorder testing materials for each testing date.

Aspire

Aspire Transition

ACT recently announced their transition plans regarding the Aspire assessment. The statewide Aspire will still be administered in spring 2022. DPI is evaluating options for the grade 9 and 10 statewide assessment for spring 2023.

Accommodations

Test Coordinators should enter accommodations and EL supports for Aspire spring 2021 testing into the Aspire PAnext portal through a student's Personal Needs Profile (PNP). Instructions are outlined in the Aspire Test Coordinator Manual. **If paper accommodations were entered after March 5, you will need to manually place an order for those materials in PAnext.** Instructions on how to order paper accommodations can be found in the [Aspire Test Coordinator Manual](#).

Trainings

All webinars and Chat with Experts have been recorded and posted to the [DPI ACT Aspire trainings website](#).

ACT Aspire Test Preparation Resources

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

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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