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Dear Educators,

Welcome to the start of the 2026 spring PreACT Secure assessment! Please review the following information pertaining to this year's assessment.

Testing Dates and Schedule of Events

2026 testing dates and the [Schedule of Events](#) have been posted to the [DPI PreACT Secure calendar webpage](#) and the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure webpage](#).

PearsonAccess^{next} Open and Testing Resources Available

[PearsonAccess^{next}](#) (PAnext) is now open and all 2026 test administration resources have been posted to the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure webpage](#). Testing staff should bookmark both webpages and review all resources annually, as testing resources change each assessment year. Below are a few highlights of resources available:

- Schedule of Events: Important Dates
- PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide: Step 2
- Online site readiness and technology resources: Step 2
- Accommodations and EL supports: Step 3
- Student and staff test preparation: Step 4
- Administration manuals and test forms: Step 5

Note: All DACs have access to the 2026 PreACT Secure portal in PAnext and should begin assigning access to testing staff. It is very important that DACs immediately review and update the [Manage Contact](#) section for each high school. This ensures both ACT and DPI have the most current contact information on file. ACT will only send communications to the DAC and the test coordinator listed on the manage contact screen.

Training Opportunities

DPI and ACT offer three Q&A webinar-based trainings and two Office Hours for the PreACT Secure assessment. All training events and registration links have been posted to the [DPI PreACT Secure Trainings webpage](#). DPI strongly encourages all testing staff to attend these training events. All training events are recorded, and recordings can be accessed through the original registration links.

Student Rosters Upload

PreACT Secure student rosters are now available in PAnext and schools can begin verifying enrollment. Verification of your roster should be completed prior to assigning students to test

sessions. Testing staff should continue to update rosters and student demographic information as needed throughout the assessment window.

When verifying your student roster, you will want to:

- Verify all students are on your roster
- Verify examinee demographic information is correct (name, grade)
- Change test delivery format for all paper accommodated testers– Deadline: April 3

Steps to Verifying Student Rosters

1. Log into PAnext under each high school profile (not district)
2. Go to Setup>Students - you will see the list of your students
 - a. Confirm that all grade 9 &10 students in the school have been added.
 - Follow **Option 2** under the **Add or Remove Students** process found in the [PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide](#) to enroll additional students.
 - Note: **Do not unenroll or remove students from your roster.** Students who are enrolled and will not take the PreACT Secure should remain on your roster and a “Not Tested” code should be entered for those students at the end of the test window.
 - b. If need, make changes to student demographic information (name, grade)
 - Follow the steps outlined in the **Manage Examinee Information** section of the [PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide](#).
 - c. Change test delivery format for paper accommodated testers.
 - Follow the steps outlined in **Change an Examinees Delivery Format** section in the [PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide](#)

Accommodations and Supports

Accommodations and supports used on the PreACT Secure should be consistent with day-to-day instructional practices and outlined in a student’s Formal Education/Language Plan. Accommodation and English learner supports are entered directly into PearsonAccess^{next} (PAnext) and **do not require prior approval from ACT.**

Entering Accommodations and Supports

Schools can now begin to enter student accessibility supports into PAnext. Accommodations may be added individually or can be imported as a group through an import process. Accommodations must be entered before assigning a student to a test session. Use the following resources to assist you with entering accommodations and supports:

- [Accessibility Supports Guide for the PreACT Secure](#)
- [Online Administration Manual](#) (Testing with Accessibility Supports -p. 7)
- [Accommodations and Supports Roster](#) -PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide