



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Accountability

New:

2023-24 Report Cards Preliminary Secure Release

OEA staff are preparing for the preliminary secure release of 2023-24 school and district report cards. The secure release of preliminary report cards is planned for early October. The release will open an inquiry period in which schools and districts can work with OEA to address possible data submission errors. As always, preliminary secure report cards will be available in SAFE, the Secure Access File Exchange. Please make sure you have [access to SAFE](#) prior to the secure release.

Final secure and public releases of the report cards are planned for November. More information will be included in next week's DAC Digest. As a reminder, school and district report cards are required annually under [state law](#). If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

ACT

New:

TAA is Open - Enter Accommodation Requests

The ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal is now open, and schools can begin entering accommodation requests. The Accessibility Supports Guide, and all resources needed to enter accommodation requests, can be found on the [Wisconsin ACT Website - Step 3](#). As a reminder, TAA is accessed through [Success.ACT](#) and staff who do not currently have access to Success or TAA can obtain access through their DAC.

Deadline - ACT PLD Workshop Opportunity

Friday, September 20th is the last day to apply as a participant for the ACT Performance Level Descriptor (PLD) Workshop. This is a two-day event that will be held November 13-14. For more information and steps to apply, visit the [ACT Educator Involvement Opportunities webpage](#).

PreACT Secure

Reminder:

Please visit the [PreACT Secure website](#) for ACT information, resources and dates.

Forward Exam

New:

Technology System Requirements

DACs and DTCs should review the hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2024-25 administration to ensure student devices meet the minimum requirements for testing. Updated 2025 technology system requirements for student testing devices are available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#).

Middle School Mathematics Session Change

Based on feedback from the After Testing Survey, the grades 6-8 calculator session has been split into two separate sessions beginning with the 2025 administration. This means the middle school Forward Exam mathematics exam will now be three sessions in total for grades 6-8. This change should make the mathematics sessions easier for schools to schedule and students to complete within a class period. The testing time has not changed for these grades. 2025 Testing Times are available on the [Forward Exam Resources webpage](#).

Reminders:

Forward Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

Hard copy ISRs were shipped to districts on August 27. Schools should send ISRs out to parents/guardians as soon as possible, either in hard copy or via your secure parent portal. Note that simply sharing assessment scores via the parent portal is not sufficient, the entire report should be shared as the ISR contains information useful to parents. Additional reporting resources are available on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#).

Forward Exam Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

The updated English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics PLDs are now available on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#). PLDs show the progression of grade-level knowledge and skills expected across the performance levels of Developing, Approaching, Meeting, and Advanced, based on the Wisconsin Academic Standards.

New Resources

As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience for a few weeks. This is NOT an exhaustive list but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
System Requirements	Hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2024-25 administration.	Forward
2025 Test Times	Suggested testing times to be used only as guidance to assist with scheduling.	Forward
Performance Level Descriptors	Forward Exam Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs).	Forward

Important Dates to Remember

Be sure to refer to each specific assessment calendar for a complete list of key dates.

Date	Event	Program
October 7	Annual DAC and DTC Update forms must be submitted	All



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