



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

January 13, 2021

Accountability

Reminder:

Preview Reports Available in SAFE

As mentioned in [last week's DAC Digest](#), preview reports are now available in [SAFE, the Secure Access File Exchange](#). The [Accountability Resources webpage](#) is also updated with new resources to help you understand and explain the preview reports. As a reminder, preview reports are **not report cards**. These informational reports use data from prior years (i.e., 2018-19 assessment results) to demonstrate future report card design and calculation changes.

This secure release opens the report card inquiry period, a window for schools and districts to work with OEA to address suspected data submission errors. When there is sufficient evidence of a data error, OEA will manually correct the data and update the preview reports. **If you believe an inquiry may be appropriate, please [open an Inquiry](#) with our office before the end of the day on January 22.**

If you have questions about the preview reports please contact the [Office of Educational Accountability](#) or your [Accountability Trainer](#). If you have questions about accessing SAFE, please use the [DPI help desk](#).

Assessment

Reminder:

2021 Assessment Requirements

As announced in an [email to districts from Deputy State Superintendent Mike Thompson](#), requirements for the 2020-21 administration of statewide assessments remain unchanged under state and federal law. All districts and schools should begin planning for in-person testing now; this includes schools whose current instruction is hybrid, in-person, or 100% virtual. If schools are not open for in-person instruction, they still need to safely provide an in-person, school proctored testing environment. Please note that remote (virtual) testing options are not available for statewide assessments.



ACCESS for ELLs

Reminder:

Deadline to Upload Private School Rosters

Private school rosters (Pre-ID) must be uploaded into the WIDA AMS by January 20, to ensure that materials orders are generated for those students.

ACT with writing

New:

Request for accommodation/EL support reconsideration - **Deadline January 22.**

- The deadline to enter accommodations/EL supports closed on January 15.
- Log into the [Test Accessibility and Accommodations system](#) (TAA) to view status and decisions on accommodations/EL support requests.
- ACT includes notes about what documentation is needed to approve the request. Download the Decision Notification in TAA and read these notes so you can see what has been approved and where additional documentation is necessary. If you are unsure about what documentation to submit for reconsideration, contact the ACT accommodations team at (800) 553-6244, ext. 1788 or actstateaccoms@act.org
- If a request is not approved, you can submit additional documentation to support your request through **January 22.**

Reminder:

Student Roster Upload

- On January 19, DPI loaded student names from WISEdata into PAnext.
- School staff will have from January 20-22 to verify that student information is correct.
 - Testing materials and barcodes will be shipped according to final roster January 22
 - Please see the *Verifying Student Roster and Testing Format Guide* located on the [DPI ACT Resources webpage](#) for instructions.

ACT Office Hours

Wisconsin 2021 ACT Office Hours are held every Thursday at 9:00 am. Use this [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) link to join each week.

Aspire

Reminder:

Extended 2021 Aspire Testing Window

To provide schools more time to test their students safely, DPI has worked with ACT to extend the 2021 Aspire testing window by two weeks (April 5-May 19). Please visit the [DPI ACT Aspire Calendar webpage](#) to download and review the revised *2021 ACT Aspire Schedule of Events*.

2021 Aspire Administration:

All 2021 Aspire administration manuals and supplements have been posted and are available to download under the administration section of the [Wisconsin ACT Website](#).

- Aspire PANext portal will open for the 2021 assessment on January 25. Review the [User Role Matrix](#), before inviting new users to determine who receives which role.
- New DACs: On January 25, look for two emails from PearsonAccess^{next} (NoReplyAspire@act.org - you may need to check junk/spam folder)
 - The first email contains instructions on how to access production site
 - The second email contains instructions on how to access training site
 - Contact [Nikki Braconier](#) if you do not receive an email
- Review the updated [2021 ACT Aspire Schedule of Events](#). It lists activities to complete, who completes the activity, and important deadlines.
- [Register for Aspire training](#) webinars.

DLM

New:

District Test Coordinator Training Video

A [DLM District Test Coordinators and Building Coordinators training video](#) is now available. This high-level training video includes the following:

- Overview of the DLM alternate assessment
- Who is eligible to take the DLM alternate assessment
- Monitoring assessments
- Next steps and resources

The video runs approximately 24 minutes with a short survey and registration following. Complete the registration to enroll in an optional, online Q&A chat session with DLM staff.

DLM Optional Q&A Chat Sessions:

- January 29, 2021, from 2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. (CST)
- February 25, 2021, from 2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. (CST)

Reminder:**DLM Uploads-Users, Enrollments, and Rosters**

Districts should be uploading new users, enrollments (student data), and creating rosters. The [Data Management Manual](#) describes these processes.

Forward Exam

New:**Technology Bulletin - Information on Alternate Site Testing**

DRC has released a technology bulletin with information for District and School Technology Coordinators who are setting up alternate testing sites (e.g. community center, library, medical facility) that are off the district network. All testing must be completed in-person with a trained test administrator, even when using a location other than a school building. This bulletin is available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#).

Reminder:**Test Administration Script Spanish Translation**

The Forward Exam Test Administration Script is now available in Spanish and available on the [Forward Exam Resources webpage](#). This resource can be used to administer the Forward Exam in conjunction with the Spanish stacked translation and small group translation supports.

NAEP

Reminder:**NAEP COVID-19 Updates and MyNAEP Still Available**

Visit the [NCES COVID-19 Updates page](#) for information about the postponement of NAEP testing this year. [MyNAEP](#) is still available for participating schools and will be updated if/when questionnaires are administered. Please contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions.

Reading Readiness

Reminder:

See the [Reading Readiness webpage](#) for calendar dates, information, and resources.

Assessment and Accountability COVID-19 Related Updates

OEA has created two webpages to keep you updated and informed. Please bookmark these pages and the [main DPI COVID-19 page](#), which contains COVID-19 information for schools beyond assessment and accountability.

- [COVID-19 – Accountability Updates and Resources](#) webpage with summary information on the impact of COVID-19 on school accountability in Wisconsin.
 - [COVID-19 – Assessment Updates and Resources](#) webpage that contains assessment related COVID-19 resources, 2019-20 COVID updates, and any 2020-21 updates that may arise.
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Important Dates to Remember

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

Month	Day and Event	Assessment
January	20: Last day to upload Private School Pre-ID Files	ACCESS
	22: Last day to request reconsideration for accommodations/ELL supports	ACT
	25: PearsonAccessNext (PANext) portal opens for ACT Aspire	Aspire
	28: DPI pulls roster data from WISEdata to Upload to ACT Aspire Portal	Aspire
	29: Test Setup Window Opens	ACCESS
February	4: Attend Aspire Test Administration 1 Webinar	Aspire
	9: Attend Aspire Technical Readiness Webinar	Aspire
	10: Second DAC, SAC, DTC, and STC Forward Exam Q&A Webinar	Forward
	11: Attend ACT Test Administration 2 Webinar	ACT
	15-26: Optional add accessibility features window in DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
	16: Attend Aspire Chat with an Expert	Aspire
	17: Test Materials Delivered	ACCESS
	19: DAC Confidentiality Agreement forms due	General
	22: ACCESS for ELLs assessment window opens	ACCESS
	24: Instruction and Assessment Planner closes for the year	DLM
	26: Deadline to complete enrollment/user/roster uploads in Educator Portal	DLM
	26: Last day to switch from online testing to paper testing	ACT
26: Last day to order additional standard test materials for March 9	ACT	
March	4: Attend Aspire Test Administration 2 Webinar	Aspire
	5: Last day to enter late requests for considerations for accommodations/ELL supports	ACT
	8: Test set-up window opens	Forward
	9: ACT Test Window 1 begins	ACT
	10: Third DAC, SAC, DTC, and STC Forward Exam Q&A Webinar	Forward
	10: Attend Aspire Chat with an Expert	Aspire
	22: Forward testing window opens	Forward
	23: ACT Test Window 2 begins	ACT

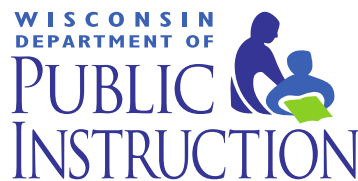
New Online Resource Highlights

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
Forward Exam DAC/SAC Trainings	Two online video trainings. One for new DACs to provide orientation to the yearly process of managing the Forward Exam from set-up to reporting and one for returning DACs/SACs that goes over the changes to the Forward Exam program for the current administration.	Forward
Forward Exam Test Administrator Training	Video training that provides Forward Exam Test administrators (TAs) with everything they need to give the test from start to finish. This video is a supplement to the Test Administration Manual.	Forward
Forward Exam DRC Portal Guide	This guide provides step-by-step instructions on managing users and students in the DRC INSIGHT Portal system including adding users and students, assigning accessibility features, assigning test sessions, printing test tickets, monitoring testing status, assigning not-tested codes, and ordering braille materials.	Forward
Forward Exam Test Administration Manual	This manual provides Forward Exam test administrators with policy and procedure, student and classroom preparation, trouble-shooting information, and the test administration script.	Forward
Forward Exam Test Administration Script Spanish Translation	This resource provides a Spanish translation of the Forward test administration script for TAs/Interpreters administering the exam to students using Spanish Stacked Translation and Small group translation.	Forward



Resource	Description	Assessment
Aspire Test Coordinator Manual	Test Coordinator administration manual for standard ACT Aspire testing (paper/online).	Aspire
Aspire Room Supervisor Manual - Online	Room Supervisor administration manual for standard ACT Aspire testing (online).	Aspire
Aspire Room Supervisor Manual - Paper	Room Supervisor administration manual for standard Paper ACT Aspire testing (paper testing for accommodations only).	Aspire
UPDATED: 2021 ACT Aspire Schedule of Events	Contains important Aspire assessment tasks and deadlines and should be referenced frequently throughout the testing year. Updated to include two week Aspire testing window extension.	Aspire



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