



# The DAC Digest

## Assessment & Accountability Updates

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## Accountability

### New:

#### Preview Reports – Secure Release in SAFE, January 12

Accountability preview reports will be released securely to districts and schools in SAFE on **January 12**. District and choice school administrators will receive notification from Deputy State Superintendent Mike Thompson when the preview reports are loaded. If you have not already obtained access to SAFE, please visit the [WISEhome information webpage](#) and follow the steps there.

As a reminder, preview reports are **not report cards**. The preview reports use **prior year's data** (i.e., 2018-19 assessment results) and do not include overall scores or ratings. The purpose of the preview reports is to **demonstrate and seek feedback on the design changes**. To gather feedback, a survey will be conducted in the coming months.

Preview reports in SAFE are secure - they are unredacted and contain personally identifiable student data - and **therefore may not be shared with the public**. However, example preview reports will be posted to the [accountability resources webpage](#) on January 12 that can be shared with external stakeholders interested in learning about planned changes. This page will also be updated with resources to help you understand and explain the preview reports.

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

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## Assessment

### New:

#### Student Roster Data Pulls

Statewide student assessment rosters for ACCESS, ACT with Writing, Forward, and Aspire will be pulled soon. To ensure the completeness and accuracy of rosters, please verify your student enrollment data are up-to-date (including EL status) by January 18, and make sure data are being transferred from your district student information system to WISEdata.



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## ACCESS for ELLs

### New:

#### 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.

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## ACT with writing

### Reminder:

#### Deadline to Enter ACT Accommodations and English Learner Supports: January 15

For steps on completing this process, please refer to the [ACT Accommodations and Supports webpage](#).

#### ACT Office Hours

DPI and ACT are teaming up to offer “ACT Office Hours” every Thursday at 9:00 am, January 14 through April 15. DACs will receive an email this week from ACT with more information on scheduled topics and registration.

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## Aspire

### Reminder:

#### Free ACT Aspire Test Preparation Resources

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

#### Training Webinars

Registration is open for Aspire training webinars. Please note that the trainings cover different content, so Test Coordinators should plan to attend all training sessions. Technology Coordinators should attend the technology readiness webinar scheduled for February 9. All trainings will be recorded and posted to the [DPI ACT Aspire Trainings page](#).

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## DLM

### New:

#### School Assessment Type – Alternate (SATA)

Districts are asked to utilize the Student Characteristic SATA in WISEdata. All students taking the alternate assessment (DLM) must qualify as a student with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Please refer to the [DLM website](#) for more information.

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## Forward Exam

### Reminders:

#### 2021 Forward Exam Trainings

The Forward Exam pre-recorded trainings will be available January 12 on the [Forward Exam Trainings webpage](#). There will be three training presentations, a full training for new DACs/SACs, updates for experienced DACs/SACs, and a test administrator training, each with information targeted to a specific audience.

#### 2021 Forward Exam Resources

The DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide and the Test Administration Manual will be available January 12 on the [Forward Exam Resources webpage](#).

#### Forward Exam Q&A Webinar

On January 13 at 1:00 pm, there will be an optional Q&A webinar session that will provide an opportunity for Assessment and Technology Coordinators to ask DPI and DRC staff questions about test set-up, administration, or technology. Please share this information with your DTCs, SACs, and STCs. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the [Forward Exam Trainings webpage](#) for those who cannot attend the live session. To join the webinar on January 13, please use this [Forward Exam Q&A webinar session Zoom link](#).

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

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## NAEP

### New:

#### 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.

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## Reading Readiness

### Reminder:

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

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## 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.

## Important Dates to Remember

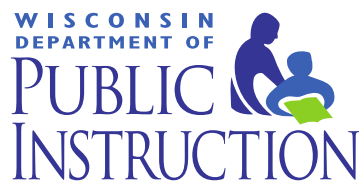
Be sure to refer to each specific assessment calendar for a complete list of key dates.

Month	Day and Event	Assessment
January	1: Instruction and assessment planner reopens for the year	DLM
	4: Braille materials order window opens	Forward
	12: 2021 Test Administration and training resources become available	Forward
	13: First DAC, SAC, DTC, and STC Forward Exam Q&A Webinar	Forward
	15: Last Day to enter ACT Accommodation Requests	ACT
	18: Deadline to verify your student enrollment data are up-to-date (including EL status) and data are being transferred from your district student information system to WISEdata	ACT, Aspire, Forward & ACCESS
	25: PearsonAccessNext (PANext) portal opens for ACT Aspire	Aspire
	28: DPI pulls roster data from WISEdata to Upload to ACT Aspire Portal	Aspire
February	4: Attend Aspire <a href="#">Test Administration 1 Webinar</a>	Aspire
	9: Attend Aspire <a href="#">Technical Readiness Webinar</a>	Aspire
	10: Second DAC, SAC, DTC, and STC Forward Exam Q&A Webinar	Forward
	11: Attend ACT <a href="#">Test Administration 2 Webinar</a>	ACT
	15-26: Optional add accessibility features window in DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
	16: Attend Aspire <a href="#">Chat with an Expert</a>	Aspire
	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	

## 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
<a href="#">Strategies and Considerations for In-Person Assessment During a Pandemic</a>	Provides strategies and considerations for schools and districts when planning for assessment administration in spring 2021.	ALL
<a href="#">Template "Notification of Upcoming Assessment" letter for Families</a>	Parent letter templates for each statewide assessment (includes translations to Spanish and Hmong).	ALL
<a href="#">Template FAQ for District and School Staff</a>	Provides a template schools and districts can use to answer questions around administration of the statewide assessment in spring 2021.	ALL
<a href="#">Assessment Best Practices during COVID-19</a>	Found in WIDA Secure Portal ACCESS Training tile. Must be logged into the portal to access.	ACCESS



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