

# The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

### October 10, 2023

# **Assessment and Accountability**

#### New:

#### 2022-23 Assessment Data Public Release

Spring 2022-23 statewide assessment results for the Forward Exam, ACT, PreACT Secure, and DLM were released today. A press release is available on the <u>DPI News Releases webpage</u> and performance data from these assessments are available in the <u>WISEdash public portal</u>. Additional assessment data resources are available on the <u>DAC Resources webpage</u>.

# Accountability

#### New:

#### 2022-23 Preliminary Secure Report Cards - October 16 Deadline to Open an Inquiry

Secure preliminary versions of the 2022-23 School and District Report Cards are available in <u>SAFE</u>, the Secure Access File Exchange. As a preliminary and secure report, they contain potentially identifiable student information, and have not been redacted. As such, and because the report cards are preliminary and subject to change, **the secure reports and any information on the preliminary report cards may not be shared** with your local media, parents, or members of the community.

To ensure reporting is as accurate as possible, the secure release opens the <u>report card inquiry period</u>. This is an opportunity for schools and districts to review report card data and work with OEA to address possible data submission errors. **The last day to OPEN a data inquiry is October 16**.

The public release of final school and district report cards is scheduled for **November 14**. These report cards will include redaction to protect student privacy. At that time the public school and district report cards results will be widely available.

As a reminder, we have posted <u>report card resources</u> to guide your review of the preliminary report cards and assist with local report card interpretation and messaging. If you have questions about report cards, please <u>contact OEA</u>.



# **ACCESS for ELLs**

### **Reminder:**

#### **Roster Uploads**

Please check the WIDA AMS after the preliminary roster upload on October 12, and ensure all of your English learners were rostered properly. If you see any issues, please update your SIS and ensure that your EL data is correct before we generate the final roster on October 26.

Materials and Pre-ID Labels will be automatically ordered for students added to the DRC Insight portal by the close of business on October 26. This includes both public school students rostered by DPI and non-public school students rostered manually by districts.

# ACT

### New:

#### Success.ACT Changes

Recently DACs should have received an email from ACT identifying some changes that were made to user accounts within <u>Success.ACT</u> to improve data security. Below is a summary of those changes:

- DACs have now been assigned as the **sole** Trusted Agent for their district. This allows DACs the ability to view, add, and remove users at the district and school level hierarchy.
- ACT removed access to data for all other users. Impacted user accounts remain active, and users can still log into Success.
- All Test Accommodations Coordinator (access to TAA system) remains active.
- Trusted Agent Access Codes distributed a few years ago are now expired.

DACs should log into Success.ACT and verify the following:

- The Trust Agent Role has been applied to your account. If you do not see this role added, please reach out to ACT Customer Service directly: 319-337-1590.
- Review and update district and school active users. This includes deactivating old users and assigning user roles for existing and new testing staff.
- Invite new users as needed or instruct staff to create an account and request access.

Please use the <u>Trusted Agent Guide to Managing Users</u> and the <u>Managing Users in Success tutorial</u> for assistance.

#### 2024 ACT Training Events

ACT and DPI will host four Q&A training webinars for the 2024 ACT administration and hold four Wisconsin ACT Office Hours. All training opportunities, including registration links, are now posted to the <u>DPI ACT Trainings webpage</u>. Please forward these training opportunities to all testing staff.



# **PreACT Secure**

### New:

### 2024 PreACT Secure Training Events

ACT and DPI will host three Q&A training webinars for the 2024 PreACT Secure administration and hold two Wisconsin PreACT Secure Office Hours. All training opportunities, including registration links, are now posted to the <u>DPI PreACT Secure Trainings webpage</u>. Please forward these training opportunities to all testing staff.

# DLM

### **Reminders:**

Please visit the <u>DLM webpage</u> for information, resources, and dates.

# **Forward Exam**

### New:

#### Deadline to Register for 2024 In-Person Training

The October 20 registration deadline for the in-person Forward Exam 2024 DAC Training is quickly approaching. Identical trainings will be held in different locations across the state November 6-10 from 9:00 am to noon each day. District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) and up to three assessment staff members (e.g., School Assessment Coordinator, Assistant to DAC) should register as soon as possible. Staff selected to attend do not need to attend the training at the same location. **An email with registration information was sent to all DACs on September 14.** Registration must be completed no later than **October 20**.

# **NAEP and International Assessments**

### New:

#### NAEP AMS Updates and Deadline October 15

Some schools participating in NAEP have experienced intermittent issues with the new Assessment Management System (AMS). Please note the following:

- If you have any issues with the AMS, please contact <u>Angela Dugas</u> and/or the NAEP Help Desk at <u>NAEPHelp@westat.com</u> or 800-283-6237.
- If a school sees a blank screen when opening the AMS, please refresh the screen or try closing and reopening the AMS.
- Schools will see a section on the AMS to *Import Student List*, but there will be no link to complete this task as we will be submitting it at the state level. Schools will have a chance to review and update their student information in December.



- Reminder: Principals in schools participating in NAEP should have received an email from Angela Dugas on September 19, and then a separate registration email for the AMS from *westatstudies.com* soon after that (check junk folders). If they haven't already, principals should send Angela the name and email address of their designated NAEP School Coordinator. Angela will follow up with the School Coordinator, who should then receive a separate registration email for the AMS. Please ensure that School Coordinators are **registered for the AMS** and have **completed the School Information section** (grade enrollment, winter break dates, etc.) by October 15.
- DACs will receive district registration information for the AMS in the next few weeks.
- More information will be coming soon about the role of the NAEP Onsite Technology Coordinator.

See the <u>NAEP webpage</u> for grade levels and content areas assessed, dates, additional information, and resources; and contact <u>Angela Dugas</u> with any questions.

# **Reading Readiness**

### **Reminder:**

For detailed information about requirements for screening go to the <u>Assessment of Reading Readiness</u> <u>Overview webpage</u>.

### **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
How to use DLM Score Reports	A new video training on interpreting and using Score Reports.	DLM
Fall District Training	Self-guided training on roles within Educator Portal.	DLM



### **Important Dates to Remember**

Date	Event	Program
October 3	Preliminary secure school and district report cards are released in SAFE	Accountability
October 3 - October 16	Accountability Inquiry Window - opportunity for school and district staff to open questions with OEA	Accountability
October 6	Deadline to submit required annual DAC and DTC Update Forms	All
October 10	Public release of statewide assessment results	All
October 12	Preliminary Public School roster upload	ACCESS
October 15	NAEP school coordinators register on the AMS and complete the School Information section	NAEP
October 20	Deadline to register for in-person DAC Training	Forward
October 26	Final Public School roster upload, Private School window closes	ACCESS
November 2	Test Setup opens in DRC Insight/WIDA AMS	ACCESS
November 6	PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> (PAnext) opens for 2024	ACT

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



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