



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

October 3, 2024

Accountability

New:

2023-24 Preliminary Secure Report Cards - Now Available in SAFE

Secure preliminary versions of the 2023-24 school and district report cards are available in [SAFE](#), the Secure Access File Exchange, as of today October 3rd. 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 [report card inquiry period](#), which will take place between October 3-14. This inquiry period is an opportunity for schools and districts to review report card data and work with OEA to address possible data submission errors prior to the final release of report cards. The 'Secure Release Checklist' found on the [report card resources webpage](#) provides step-by-step guidance on how to review report card data. The last day to OPEN a data inquiry is Monday, October 14.

The public release of final school and district report cards is scheduled for November 19. 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 [report card resources](#) 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 [contact OEA](#). An announcement of this preliminary secure release to administrators will be archived on the [EdLeaders Dispatch webpage](#).

Reminders:

Changes to Achievement Scoring for the 2023-24 Report Cards

As a reminder, state assessments were updated for 2023-24, including new performance level categories and updated standards. The results from these updated assessments are included in the 2023-24 report cards. The scoring of achievement components on the 2023-24 report cards has also been modified to allow for comparability and stability in the system. Please review the "What's New" doc on the [report card resources webpage](#) to learn more about this one-year change. In the coming year, the DPI will convene a



group of education stakeholders to help align report card cut scores to accurately communicate the success of schools and districts. If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

Target Group Preview Dashboard Updated for 2024-25

The Target Group Preview Dashboard is now available for 2024-25, showing the likelihood of students appearing in the target group of the 2024-25 report cards, based on 2024 assessment results. Please note that this dashboard is a “forward facing” tool used to inform continuous improvement efforts, so it does not reflect target group students found in the 2023-24 report cards.

The Target Group Outcomes priority area of the report cards is designed to help schools see their own “gaps” between students scoring in the lowest quartile and the rest of their student body. To support schools and districts in identifying and serving their lowest-performing students, students who are *likely* to be in the target group in future report cards at a district- and school-level are displayed securely on WISEdash for Districts.

This dashboard can be found in the ‘Early Warning’ area of WISEdash for Districts under ‘Report Card’. The data will be updated weekly from now through the December Snapshot as enrollment numbers stabilize. For more information, please see the [WISEdash for Districts - Target Group Preview Dashboard webpage](#).

Assessment

New:

2023-24 Assessment Data Public Release - October 8

An update was included in the [EdLeaders Dispatch](#) sent to District Administrators on Friday, September 27, announcing the public release of spring 2023-24 statewide assessment results for the Forward Exam, ACT, PreACT Secure, and DLM on October 8. A press release will be available on the DPI News Releases webpage and performance data from these assessments will be available in the [WISEdash public portal](#) on that day. Several resources including the Assessment Data Release Parent Letter Template, the Wisconsin Statewide Assessments Things to Know resource and the Assessment Data Release Talking Points are available on the [Office of Educational Accountability webpage](#). Additional resources are available for each assessment on the corresponding assessment’s data and results webpage.

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminder:

ACCESS Rostering

On October 10 DPI will upload the statewide roster containing all ELs reported to DPI via WISEdata. On October 24 we will upload a final statewide roster for ACCESS.

These roster uploads will reflect what was pushed from your SIS to WISEdata 2-3 days earlier. Once the preliminary roster is uploaded, please review it, make any necessary changes in your SIS, and create Pre-ID files for any non-public schools which weren't reporting enrollment data, but which still need to test.

At the end of the day on October 24, material orders will be generated, including labels.

ACT

Reminder:

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

PreACT Secure

Reminder:

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

DLM

Reminder:

Please visit the [DLM webpage](#) for DLM information, resources and dates.

Forward Exam

Reminders:

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](#).



NAEP and International Assessments

(for schools selected to participate in 2023-24 and 2024-25 assessments only)

Reminders:

Updates for Each NAEP Assessment

Each of the NAEP assessments this year have different timelines and tasks. DACs can review emails from [Angela Dugas](#) or look at the NAEP Assessment Management System ([NAEP AMS](#)) to confirm which of their schools are in each assessment program. DACs who have not already registered for the NAEP AMS and would like to can contact [Angela Dugas](#) for a registration link.

Here's a summary of where we are in each of the NAEP assessment programs:

NAEP Assessment	Test Window	Task Summary
LTT age 13	October 7 - December 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School principals are registered on the NAEP AMS and have designated School Coordinators. Schools have completed the <i>School Characteristics</i> and submitted their student lists in the AMS. Schools should now see a list of sampled students in the AMS; they can start completing the Pre-assessment Activities.
LTT age 9	January 6 - March 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals have been notified; more information will be emailed later this fall.
LTT age 17	March 17 - May 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals have been notified; more information will be emailed later this fall.
Field Test (grades 4, 8, and 12)	January 27 - March 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 is complete: Districts have submitted technology surveys for their schools. In October, districts and schools will be notified which of the schools from phase 1 will be selected for phase 2 (the assessment).

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for information and resources. Contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions. For help with the [NAEP AMS](#), contact the NAEP Help Desk at NAEPHelp@westat.com or (800) 283-6237.

Reading Readiness – Early Literacy Assessment

Reminders:

Fall Student Rostering

Fall API student rostering for aimswebPlus has now been completed through WISEdata. Districts should check to ensure all students are now rostered and follow the guidance on the “Rostering/Data Management” section of the [aimswebPlus Wisconsin website](#) if additional student rostering is needed.

Fall and Mid-Year Testing Windows

The fall and mid-year testing windows have been adjusted slightly to ensure compliance with the Wisconsin statute. These adjustments also provide districts with earlier reporting, resulting in more time to implement early literacy instruction and intervention. The testing windows are as follows:

- Fall - August 1 – October 17, 2024
- Mid-year - December 1 – January 31, 2025
- Spring - March 16 – July 31, 2025

aimbwebPlus Training

The recording of the September 19 “Webinar for Administrators” training is now available on the [aimswebPlus Wisconsin website](#) in the “Training” section.

Contact Information

Questions about the aimswebPlus literacy screener, personal reading plans, and district early literacy remediation plans should be sent to early.reading@dpi.wi.gov. Visit the [WI reads webpage](#) or the [ACT 20 Early literacy webpage](#) for more information.

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

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 - December 13	NAEP LTT age 13 test window (<i>selected schools only</i>)	NAEP
October 10	Preliminary Statewide Pre-ID Roster upload	ACCESS
October 24	Final Statewide Pre-ID Roster upload	ACCESS
October 31	WIDA AMS/DRC Insight Test Setup Opens	ACCESS



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