



# The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

November 11, 2025

## Accountability

### New:

#### Final Report Cards

Today, the final 2024-25 report cards were released. The [public versions](#) can be shared with parents, school board members, school governing bodies, and the community at large. More information about the 2024-25 report cards can be found in [DPI's news release](#).

The secure versions of the report cards in SAFE must always remain secure - even after the public release. They are un-redacted (and could contain personally identifiable student information) and are provided to districts to support internal continuous improvement planning. The secure report cards may only be shared with district employees, as appropriate.

As a reminder, DPI has created report card communication materials, including the Communicating with Your Community and School Board Presentation template resources, that can be found on our [report card resources webpage](#). If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

#### Notification Requirements

All schools - private and public - are required to share their most recent school report card with parents, along with a list of educational options for the students in the district and also link to their report card on their website. School boards need to post their complete school and district report cards and district-specific list of educational options on the district website. They also must publish a Class 1 notice that includes the most recent report card performance category rating assigned to each school within the district boundaries; a statement that the complete school and district report cards are available on the website; and a description of educational options available to students in the district. Further details can be found on the [notification requirements webpage](#). If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

### Reminder:

#### Data for 2025-26 Accountability Being Captured December 9

The [December Student Snapshot](#) for WISEdata scheduled for **December 9** will capture data to be used throughout 2025-26 school and district report cards and ESSA and IDEA accountability systems. Please see page 1 of the [November 6 DAC Digest](#) for more information and resources to help you prepare your



data for this upcoming snapshot. If you have questions about the student data snapshot or how to resolve data issues, please submit a [WISE Help Ticket](#).

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## Assessment

### New:

#### District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Confidentiality Agreement

DACs from districts administering the WIDA ACCESS who have not already completed the 2025-26 [DAC Confidentiality Agreement](#) should do so now and submit to OEA as soon as possible. The form may be completed electronically and signed electronically using Acrobat Reader. Be sure to read the terms for each assessment and **select only the boxes that apply to your district** on the ACT/PreACT Secure agreement prior to signing. The entire document needs to be submitted to OEA once signed. If your district is not administering the WIDA ACCESS for 2025-26, be sure to submit your form by March 1. All other confidentiality forms (SACs, DTCs, STCs, etc.) may be completed electronically and once completed are to be retained at the school/district level.

#### DPI Assessment Vendor Survey

DPI is gathering information to enable effective data transfers between districts, interim assessment vendors and DPI. To help facilitate timely and accurate data transfers with interim assessment vendors DPI is requesting that each DAC take this two question [DPI Interim Assessment Vendor Survey](#).

## WIDA ACCESS

### Reminders:

#### Test Setup

Test Setup is now open. You may adjust test sessions as needed, set accommodations, add new students, and move students between schools. If a student transfers in from another Wisconsin district, please use the [Student Transfer Request form](#). The 2025-26 WIDA ACCESS test window opens on December 1.

#### Materials

Materials will be delivered November 20-21. Please inventory what you receive and store them in a secure location. On November 21, the Additional Materials ordering window will open for any paper materials you need beyond the initial delivery.

#### Training

Training for all WIDA assessments is available in the [WIDA Secure Portal](#). All staff involved in assessment must recertify annually on the test activities they are involved in. This year, the WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten has undergone a substantial revision for the first time in more than a decade. Please ensure that staff who are administering this assessment have completed all training prior to the start of the test window.



## K-ACCESS Observations

To assess the implementation of the new K-ACCESS and to support their continuous improvement activities, WIDA is looking for schools willing to allow them to do classroom observations of this year's administration. Staff from both WIDA and the Center for Applied Linguistics will be doing site visits during testing and recording some students as they take the test. For more information, please see the 'WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten Audio Recordings and Observations' section of [WIDA's Building a WIDA Assessment webpage](#).

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## ACT

### New:

#### Accommodations Office Hours

ACT and DPI will be hosting an Office Hour on Tuesday, November 18 on ACT accommodations/EL supports. This Office Hour will be a follow-up to the November 4 accommodations training webinar, and go over any common questions, resources and general FAQs. Please share this training opportunity with all staff. Visit the [ACT Training webpage](#) for registration information.

### Reminder:

#### Testing Date Selection Survey

To ensure DPI has your correct testing window and delivery mode (paper/online) on file, ACT sent a Test Date Selection Survey to all School Test Coordinators and DACs on November 10. Only one survey per school should be completed. The deadline to complete the survey is December 19. Please contact [Nikki Braconier](#) if your school does not receive the survey link by Monday, November 17.

Note: The survey will be emailed out from [statetesting@operations.act.org](mailto:statetesting@operations.act.org). Please work with your technology team to ensure this email address has been added to the safe senders list.

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## PreACT Secure

### New:

#### What's New Document

The What's New document for the 2026 PreACT Secure has now been posted to the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure website under step one](#).

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# DLM

## Reminder:

### Update Users and Rosters

It is important that teachers have appropriate access to the Educator Portal to ensure students are rostered correctly and teachers can view student score reports. Teachers also use the Educator portal to complete First Contact Surveys and the Test Administrator training.

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## Forward Exam

### New:

#### 2025-26 Technology User Guide

The Forward Exam Technology User Guide is now available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#). The user guide is a multi-volume set that describes how to configure, install, manage, and troubleshoot the DRC INSIGHT System. There is also a handout titled Updates to the Technology User Guide 2025-26 that describes the changes to the guide.

#### Technology System Requirements

DACs and DTCs should review the hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2025-26 administration to ensure student devices meet the minimum requirements for testing. Be sure to review the COS Service Device configurations and required bandwidth. Updated technology system requirements (updated in October) are available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#).

#### ChromeOS Progressive Web Application (PWA) Required for DRC INSIGHT

Google is ending support for the type of kiosk application DRC currently uses to create the DRC INSIGHT Secure Application for Chromebook. In response, DRC has developed a new Chromebook Progressive Web Application (PWA) to meet Google's new version support and security guidelines. The new application is available to download from the DRC INSIGHT Portal under General Information. All sites that use ChromeOS devices for testing will need to uninstall the kiosk application and install the PWA version of DRC INSIGHT. If this is not replaced, an error message will display and districts will be forced to install the PWA version of DRC INSIGHT. For more information, refer to the DRC Tech Bulletin available on the [Technology Requirements and Resources webpage](#).

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## NAEP

(for selected districts and schools only)

### Reminder:

#### NAEP Assessment Dates and School Coordinator Designations

NAEP Assessment dates have been posted in the [NAEP AMS](#). Principals received an email with their school's test date on November 4. Please note that dates will *not* be emailed to DACs, but they can be viewed on the NAEP AMS. If a school needs to change their test date, they should contact [Angela Dugas](#). All schools should have a designated NAEP School Coordinator to serve as the main point of contact, and that person should be identified in the NAEP AMS. If a school has not yet identified a School Coordinator, the principal will be designated in that role. Updates to this role can be made directly in the NAEP AMS.

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for information and resources. Please contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions.

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## Reading Readiness – Early Literacy Assessment

### New:

#### Updated Act 20 Rostering Guide Coming Soon

As we approach the mid-year administration, an updated Wisconsin Act 20 aimswebPlus Rostering Guide will be published by December 1 on the [Wisconsin Act 20 website](#).

### Reminders:

#### Mid-Year Testing Begins December 1

As a reminder, the mid-year administration for Act 20 screening window will be December 1 – January 30. This is a great time to review rostering data in aimswebPlus and ensure your district is set up for success. Information about administering aimswebPlus assessments and additional resources can be found on the [Wisconsin aimswebPlus Act 20 website](#) as well as the [aimswebPlus Help Site](#).

#### 'Student Not Tested' Indicator Released October 23

Pearson has created an indicator within the aimswebPlus platform that allows users to indicate when a student has not tested on an Act 20 screener as well as the reason why (for example, absent, advanced to diagnostic, etc.). Indicating an SNT reason will be required beginning with the 2025 – 2026 mid-year administration. Release Notes and accompanying screenshots can be found on the [aimswebPlus Help Site](#).

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## Professional Learning Opportunity

### Reminder:

#### Professional Learning Webinar Series: Writing-Rich Classrooms

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), in partnership with [The Greater Madison Writing Project \(GMWP\)](#) and Wisconsin educators, have developed [The Writing-Rich Classrooms units that](#) utilize high-impact instructional practices to provide a variety of opportunities for young people to develop their skills as writers and thinkers. A three-part professional learning webinar series has been developed to support the implementation of these resources. [Register for Session three](#) on November 12 from 4-5 pm (all webinars will be recorded and posted to the DPI website).

Please contact [Bianca Williams-Griffin](#), ELA Consultant, with questions.

## 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
<a href="#">PreACT Secure What's New</a>	Document outlining all new items or changes for 2026.	PreACT Secure
<a href="#">Preparing for ACCESS Testing</a>	Resources to prepare for ACCESS testing.	ACCESS
<a href="#">ACCESS Transfer Request</a>	Request an In-State Transfer.	ACCESS
<a href="#">Domain Waiver Request</a>	Process to Waive Domain (half-way down the page).	ACCESS

## Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
November 18	Office Hours - Accommodations and EL Supports	ACT

Date	Event	Program
November 20-21	Materials delivered; Additional Materials window open	ACCESS
December 1	Test Window Opens	ACCESS
December 2	ACT Test Administration #1 webinar	ACT
December 5	Technology Training Videos available	Forward
December 8	NAEP assessment preparation tasks open in the NAEP AMS	NAEP
December 19	ACT Test Date Selection Survey due	ACT



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