The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

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OEA Communications

New:

DAC Digest Schedule in November and December

The schedule for the weekly DAC Digest will vary as districts are on extended breaks in November and December. Please note, there will not be a DAC Digest sent the week of November 24, December 22 and December 29. Weekly DAC Digests will resume in January.

Accountability

Reminders:

Final Report Cards

The final 2024-25 report cards were released on Tuesday, November 11. 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.

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

New:

Test Window Opens
The 2025-26 WIDA ACCESS test window opens on December 1.

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.

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. DRC will resume shipments on December 1 to avoid shipping the week of Thanksgiving while schools are closed.

Please consolidate Additional Materials orders under the 'District-Level Additional Orders' site rather than under individual schools.

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.

ACT

New:

Test Administration #1 Training
The first test administration training will be held on Tuesday, December 2 at 10 am. DPI encourages all new and experienced testing staff to attend this webinar. Registration for this webinar can be found on the DPI ACT Trainings webpage. Please pass this opportunity on to additional staff. All trainings and office hours are recorded.

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:

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.

NAEP

(for selected districts and schools only)

Reminder:

School Coordinator Designations
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.

Reading Readiness – Early Literacy Assessment

New:

Braille Test Material Orders for Act 20 Mid-Year Screener
Districts may now order materials for the mid-year administration using Wisconsin Act 20 Mid-Year 2025 Braille Order Form. Please note districts may also choose to order a printed copy of the Braille Administration and Scoring Guide, or it can be accessed electronically in the Administrations and Scoring Guide: Braille Administrations resource.

On-Demand Replay of Key Webinars Available
As a reminder, districts can access the on-demand replay of the Optimizing Classroom Decisions through Data-Driven Insights and Empowering Individualized Student Decisions through Data Analysis webinars. As we have concluded the fall administration and are moving toward mid-year, schools may find this information especially useful.

Pearson Office Hours Available
Pearson hosts Office Hours every other Tuesday from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm CT. Please see the Wisconsin Office Hours list of dates and use this Zoom link to join each session. This offering is specific to Wisconsin, and districts may use the time to ask questions about the aimswebPlus platform, how to access materials and screen in aimswebPlus, how to access score results, viewing reports, and more.

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.

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.

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
Technology User Guide	A multi-volume set that describes how to configure, install, manage, and troubleshoot the DRC INSIGHT System.	Forward
Technology System Requirements	Hardware and operating system requirements updated in October.	Forward
PreACT Secure What's New	Document outlining all new items or changes for 2026.	PreACT Secure

Resource	Description	Assessment
Preparing for ACCESS Testing	Resources to prepare for ACCESS testing.	ACCESS
ACCESS Transfer Request	Request an In-State Transfer.	ACCESS
Domain Waiver Request	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 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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