



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

November 2, 2022

Accountability

Reminders:

2021-22 Preliminary Secure Report Cards

The window to open an inquiry with the Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) closed on October 17. At this time, OEA staff are working with schools and districts that opened inquiries to resolve them and make manual corrections in the report cards. As a reminder, **scores and ratings are subject to change** based on updates resulting from the inquiry period - even for schools who do not submit inquiries. The data that are finalized in the report card inquiry process will be used in both state and federal (both ESSA and IDEA) accountability systems.

The public release of final school and district report cards is scheduled for **November 15**. 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. If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

Report Card Resources

We have posted templates to the [report card resource page](#) that may be helpful as you craft your local messages:

- **Parent Letters:** templates for traditional school, alternate accountability, and choice student report cards.
- **Local Report Card:** a template for schools/districts to use when designing their local report card, intended to complement the state report card.

ACCESS for ELLs

New:

Test Materials

On November 28, test materials will be delivered to your district based on the students rostered into the WIDA AMS in October. Please plan to inventory these materials and store them in a secure location. Additional materials orders will open at this time, with one- to two-day shipping to most of the state.

Reminder:

Test Setup Open

The WIDA AMS is now open for test setup. You may manage test sessions as needed, set accommodations, adjust demographics, and add any students missed during the October upload window.

ACT

New:

Select 2023 Testing Dates and Update Testing Staff

[PearsonAccess^{next}](#) (PANext) will open for the 2023 ACT on November 7. New DACs will receive an automated message from PANext with instructions on how to set up their accounts and existing DACs can use their current account credentials to log in. **All DACs must log into the 2023 testing portal to update testing staff and manage contacts.** This will ensure that DPI and ACT have updated contact information on file.

Districts and schools should also begin selecting test dates, testing mode, shipping dates, and verifying addresses **under each high school profile** in PANext. When selecting the test material ship date, schools should select the earliest receipt week possible, allowing time to order additional materials if needed. Please refer to the [PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide](#) for instructions on how to complete these tasks.

2023 ACT Technical Guide

The 2023 ACT Technical Guide has now been posted to the Wisconsin ACT Webpage. Technical Coordinators should review this guide and all other site readiness resources outlined on the [Wisconsin ACT Website](#).

2023 What's New Document - Revised

A revision to the 2023 What's New Document has been posted on the [Wisconsin ACT Website](#). This revised version has been updated with Wisconsin specific information.

Reminders:

2023 Schedule of Events

The Spring [2023 ACT Schedule of Events](#) has been posted to the Wisconsin ACT Website and the [DPI ACT Calendar webpage](#).

Training Opportunities:

DPI and ACT will be offering four Q&A webinar-based trainings for the 2023 ACT assessment. Visit the [DPI ACT Trainings webpage](#) to register for these events. All trainings will be recorded and posted to the trainings webpage and Wisconsin ACT Website. Please forward these opportunities to all testing staff.

PreACT Secure

Reminder:

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

DLM

Reminder:

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

Forward Exam

New:

Technology System Requirements

DACs and DTCs should review the hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2022-23 administration to ensure student devices meet the minimum requirements for testing. Updated 2023 technology system requirements for student testing devices will be available November 4, on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#).

NAEP and International Assessments

New:

NAEP 2023 Field Test Schools Updates

Last Friday, emails were sent to principals in schools selected to participate in the NAEP 2023 Field Tests. Invitations to the new Assessment Management System (AMS) site were sent this Tuesday. The AMS is being field tested to replace the MyNAEP system. There is no district access to the AMS yet, but once that function is available, DACs will receive invitations to register for the AMS as well.

Principals should forward the Friday email to their designated NAEP School Coordinator, and then register for the AMS using the information in the Tuesday invitation. After registering, principals should enter the information for their School Coordinator and send an invitation to them through the AMS site. Please complete registrations by November 9 and then complete the *School Characteristics* and *Student Attendance* sections by November 23. More thorough instructions are in the emails to principals. Feel free to contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions.

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for grade levels and content areas assessed, dates, additional information, and resources.



Reading Readiness

Reminder:

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

DAC Contact Update

Reminder:

Please [update District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) contact information](#) as contact information changes or staffing changes occur throughout the year (including over the summer months). The information provided is used to:

- Ensure DACs receive regular assessment and accountability updates, and
- Upload information into vendor portals to ensure DACs have annual permissions.

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
2023 ACT Technical Guide	Contains technical details and requirements for administering online ACT testing.	ACT
2023 Schedule of Events	The Schedule of Events contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the ACT.	ACT

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
November 1	WIDA AMS Open for Test Setup	ACCESS
November 4	Updated System Requirements document available	Forward
November 7	2023 PearsonAccess ^{Next} Portal (PAnext) opens	ACT
November 9	Test Administration 1 Training Webinar	ACT

Date	Event	Program
November 9	NAEP 2023 Field Test principals and school coordinators register for the AMS	NAEP
November 10	Technology User Guide available	Forward
November 15	Scheduled release of the public and final school and district report cards	Accountability
November 16	District Technology training video available (new DTCs and updates)	Forward
November 23	DACs assigned permission to access the DRC INSIGHT Portal for the 2022-23 administration	Forward
November 23	NAEP 2023 Field Test schools complete the <i>School Characteristics</i> and <i>Student Attendance</i> sections on the AMS	NAEP
November 25	Program for International Student Assessment window closes (for selected schools only)	PISA (International)
November 28	Test materials arrive, additional materials window opens	ACCESS
December 1	Test window opens	ACCESS



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