



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

November 6, 2025

Accountability

Reminder:

New:

Report Cards: Final Secure and Scheduled Public Release

Final secure versions of the 2024-25 school and district report cards are available in [SAFE](#), the Secure Access File Exchange, as of today, November 6. Please note that the data in these final secure report cards are non-redacted and should not be shared publicly. An announcement of the final secure release to administrators will be archived on the [report card timeline page](#). The public release of 2024-25 report cards is scheduled for November 11.

To help schools and districts prepare for the public release of the report cards, the DPI has created communication related materials, including the Communicating with Your Community and School Board Presentation template resources, which 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 next [December Student Snapshot](#) for WISEdata is scheduled for December 9. This snapshot will capture data to be used throughout 2025-26 school and district report cards and ESSA and IDEA accountability systems. The snapshot will capture the following data used in accountability:

- 2024-25 attendance, discipline, high school completion, course and program participation
- 2025-26 Third Friday of September Enrollment – including economically disadvantaged status
- 2025-26 October 1 Child Count of students with disabilities (for IDEA)
- Student demographics

Please check for data alerts in WISEdata Portal. Data quality alerts signal that data differ substantially from prior years or are being submitted with errors. Additional resources to help you prepare your data for the upcoming snapshot can be found on the [Snapshot Preparation Guidance webpage](#). If you have questions about the student data snapshot or how to resolve data issues, please submit a [WISE Help Ticket](#).

Assessment

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](#).

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 page](#).

ACT

Reminders:

2026 PAnext Portal Opening

The 2026 [ACT PearsonAccess^{Next} \(PAnext\) portal](#) opened on **November 3**. DACs received access to the portal and instructions on how to set up additional testing staff. New DACs who currently do not have a PAnext user account will receive a separate email with instructions on how to create their PAnext account. Previous DACs will not receive an email from PAnext, but will automatically have access to the portal under their existing login credentials.



Testing Date Selection Survey

To ensure DPI has your correct testing window and delivery mode (paper/online) on file, ACT will send 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. Please work with your technology team to ensure this email address has been added to the safe senders list.

PreACT Secure

Reminder:

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

DLM

New:

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.

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

Forward Exam

Reminder:

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

NAEP

(for selected districts and schools only)

New:

NAEP Assessment Dates

NAEP Assessment dates have been posted in the [NAEP AMS](#). Principals received an email with their school's test date earlier this week (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](#). As a reminder, 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

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](#).

Reminder:

'Student Not Tested' Indicator Released October 23

On October 23, Pearson released 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.). Marking a Student Not Tested (SNT) reason is optional for the fall 2025 administration. SNT statuses marked after October 24 may not be included in the results shared with DPI. SNT status with a 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](#).

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
ACT Technical Resources	Direct link to Wisconsin ACT website for all technical resources.	ACT
ACT Administrative Manuals	Direct link to the Wisconsin ACT website for all administrative manuals.	ACT
PreACT Secure Technical Resources	Direct link to Wisconsin PreACT Secure website for all technical resources.	PreACT Secure
ACT Flexible Testing Policy	New ACT policy that allows for alternative testing schedules.	ACT
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
Early November	NAEP test dates available for schools selected to participate	NAEP
November 3-7	In-person DAC trainings.	Forward
November 10	Technology User Guide available	Forward

Date	Event	Program
November 10	ACT Test Date Selection Survey sent to School Test Coordinators and DACs	ACT
November 18	Office Hours - Accommodations and EL Supports	ACT
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



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