



# The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

November 9, 2023

## Accountability

### New:

#### Report Cards: Final Secure and Scheduled Public Release

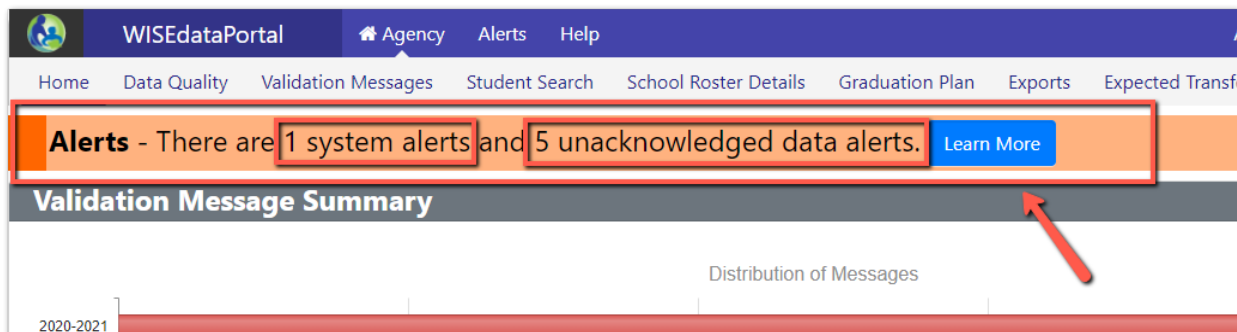
Earlier today, district and choice school administrators received an [email](#) from Deputy State Superintendent John Johnson announcing that **final secure school and district report cards are available in [SAFE](#)**, the Secure Access File Exchange. Please note that the data in these final secure report cards are non-redacted and should **not** be shared publicly. **The public release of 2022-23 report cards is scheduled for November 14.** If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

#### Data for 2023-24 Accountability Being Captured December 5

The [WISEdata Student Snapshot](#) scheduled for **December 5** will capture data to be used throughout 2023-24 School and District Report Cards and ESSA and IDEA accountability systems. The snapshot will capture the following data used in accountability:

- 2022-23 attendance, discipline, high school completion, course and program participation
- 2023-24 Third Friday of September Enrollment – including economic disadvantaged status
- 2023-24 October 1 Child Count of students with disabilities (for IDEA)
- All 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. Alerts are indicated in the orange panel at the top of the WISEdata Portal page (see screenshot below). Click the blue Learn More button to review the specific alerts for your school or district.



WISEdata Portal mini tutorials for reviewing alerts, errors, and warnings:

- [WISEdata Portal Alerts Mini Tutorial](#)
- [WISEdata Validation Messages Mini Tutorial](#)

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](#).

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## ACCESS for ELLs

### New:

#### Finalize Tech, Training

ACCESS testing begins on December 4. Please double-check that all staff who will be administering ACCESS have completed the necessary training(s) they will need in order to administer the assessment(s) they will be in charge of. Training is in the WIDA Secure Portal, and you may view training completion under Manage > Certification Report.

Now is also the time to finalize and check DRC Insight installs on student devices. You may also wish to designate time for students to take the practice tests, available within Insight. In particular, young students can often benefit from practicing using the microphone on Speaking, and students with disabilities should have experience with any accommodations they will be receiving on the test.

Test setup is open, and you may manage test sessions as needed, set accommodations, adjust demographics, and add any students missed during the October upload window.

### Reminder:

#### Materials Delivery

On November 28, materials will be delivered to the district based on the rosters uploaded in October. Please plan to inventory your materials and distribute them to schools as needed. At this time, Additional materials may be ordered through the WIDA AMS portal, and they will be delivered in about two business days.

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## ACT

### New:

#### 2024 Technical Readiness Resources

The following ACT online testing technical resources have now been posted to the [Wisconsin ACT Website, Step 2](#).

- Technical Coordinator Site Readiness Checklist



- ACT Online Testing Site Readiness Plan
- Technical Requirements for Taking the ACT, including ACT Technical Guide
- Mock Administration Manual

### Selecting Staff for ACT Testing

DACs and Test Coordinators should carefully review the Staff Requirements and Staff Roles and Responsibility sections of the [ACT Test Coordinator Information Manual](#) (p. 16) when selecting staff for ACT testing roles. Staff who have relatives testing and athletic coaches are restricted in what testing roles and responsibilities they can be assigned to.

### Reminders:

#### 2024 PAnext Portal

The 2024 [ACT PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> \(PAnext\) portal](#) opened on November 6. DACs received access to the portal, along with instructions on how to set up testing staff within PAnext and select an ACT testing date, at that time. New DACs should have received an email from ACT/PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> with instructions on how to set up their account. If you did not receive access, please reach out to [Nikki Braconier](#).

#### 2024 ACT Testing Resources

The following 2024 ACT administrative resources are now available on the [Wisconsin ACT website](#):

- ACT PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> User Guide (Step 2)
- All ACT Administration Manuals and Forms (Step 5)
- ACT Test Coordinator Information Manual (Step 5)
- **ACT Schedule of Events** (Important Dates)

Note: The Schedule of Events contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the ACT and should be reviewed often, by **all testing staff**, throughout the year.

#### ACT Global Accommodations Office Hours

The Test Accessibility and Accommodation System (TAA) opened for the spring 2024 ACT assessment on September 11. ACT will hold Accommodation Office Hours again this year to provide the field with an opportunity to speak and ask questions directly with an ACT Accommodation Specialist. Visit the [ACT Accommodation Office Hours registration link](#) to register for these upcoming events.

Note: ACT global office hours are open to all states, districts and schools and will not cover any Wisconsin specific policies.

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## PreACT Secure

### New:

#### 2024 Technical Readiness Resources

The technical requirements for taking the PreACT Secure and the PreACT Secure Technical Guide have been posted under the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure Webpage, Step 2](#).

### Reminder:

#### 2024 Schedule of Events

The spring 2024 PreACT Secure Schedule of Events has been posted to the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure website](#) (Important Dates).

Note: The Schedule of Events contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the PreACT Secure and should be reviewed often, by **all testing staff**, throughout the year.

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## DLM

### New:

#### User Accounts

User accounts need to be created for teachers who plan on administering the DLM. Administrators may begin their training as soon as an account has been created. Training should be completed as soon as possible. When looking through user accounts please remove any accounts of users that no longer need the access.

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## Forward Exam

### Reminder:

#### Technology System Requirements

DACs and DTCs should review the hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2023-24 administration to ensure student devices meet the minimum requirements for testing. Updated 2024 technology system requirements for student testing devices are available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#).

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## NAEP and International Assessments

### Reminder:

#### NAEP AMS Registrations

NAEP High School Transcript Study Coordinators should see updated timelines on the NAEP Assessment Management System (AMS) for uploading course catalogs. DACs will receive district registration



information for the AMS by the end of this week along with more information about the role of the NAEP Technology Coordinator(s).

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for grade levels and content areas assessed, dates, additional information, and resources; and contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions. If there are issues with the AMS, including forgotten passwords, please contact the NAEP Help Desk at [NAEPHelp@westat.com](mailto:NAEPHelp@westat.com) or (800) 283-6237.

## Reading Readiness

### Reminder:

For detailed information about requirements for screening go to the [Assessment of Reading Readiness Overview webpage](#).

## 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="#">ACT and PreACT Secure Technical Requirements and Guides</a>	Resources on technical requirements to test ACT online and PreACT Secure	ACT/PreACT Secure
<a href="#">Technology System Requirements</a>	Updated System/Device requirements	Forward
<a href="#">ACT Schedule of Events</a>	Schedule of Events contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the ACT.	ACT
<a href="#">PreACT Secure Schedule of Events</a>	Schedule of Events contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the PreACT Secure.	PreACT Secure
<a href="#">ACT Administration Manuals and Forms</a>	Manuals and forms to administer the 2024 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 9	Final secure release of the 2022-23 school and district report cards	Report Cards
November 10	Technology User Guide Available	Forward
November 14	Public release of the 2022-23 school and district report cards	Report Cards
November 22	Technology Training Videos available	Forward
November 23	DACs Assigned Permissions to the 2023-24 DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
November 28	Districts receive materials, additional material ordering window opens	ACCESS
December 4	Test Window Opens	ACCESS
December 8	Deadline to select ACT testing and shipping dates	ACT



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