



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

December 3, 2025

Accountability

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](#).

Assessment

Reminder:

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.

WIDA ACCESS

New:

Test Window Opens

The 2025-26 WIDA ACCESS test window is open, and more than 20% of online testing has already been completed state-wide. Thanks for your hard work in making a strong start to this administration.



Reminders:

In-State Transfers

If a student transfers in from another Wisconsin district, please use the [Student Transfer Request form](#).
Materials

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The Additional Materials ordering window is now open for any materials you may need beyond the initial order. Please consolidate Additional Materials orders under the 'District-Level Additional Orders' site rather than under individual schools. See the DRC broadcast email on November 14 for ordering instructions.

ACT

New:

ACT Practice Tests

New versions of the Enhanced ACT practice tests are now available in both paper and online formats. Links to the new practice tests and the 2026 Preparing for the ACT guides have been posted to the [DPI ACT Practice Tests and Sample Items webpage](#).

PreACT Secure

New:

2026 Test Administration Manuals

The following test administration manuals are posted to the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure webpage](#) (Step 5):

- PreACT Secure Test Coordinator Information Manual
- PreACT Secure Online and Online Accommodated Test Administration Manual
- PreACT Secure Paper Accommodated Test Administration Manual

Note: 2026 PreACT Secure test forms will be posted by the end of December.

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)

New:

Field Staff Contacting Schools

NAEP field staff representatives will begin contacting schools beginning next week, the week of December 8. 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:

Mid-Year Testing Has Begun

As a reminder, the mid-year administration for Act 20 screening window began December 1 and will end January 30. Even if your district plans to begin testing in January, 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](#).

Reminders:

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.

'Student Not Tested' (SNT) Indicator for Mid-Year Act 20 Screening

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
ACT Practice Tests	Webpage with new (Enhanced) ACT practice tests and student prep resources.	ACT
PreACT Secure 2026 Test Administration Manuals	Link to all 2026 PreACT Secure administration manuals.	PreACT Secure
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
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
December 1	Test Window Opens	ACCESS
December 5	Technology Training Videos available	Forward
December 8	NAEP assessment preparation tasks open in the NAEP AMS	NAEP

Date	Event	Program
December 19	ACT Test Date Selection Survey due	ACT
January 30	Test Window Closes	ACCESS



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