



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

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Accountability

Reminder:

Preview Report Feedback Survey

As announced in the [March 4 DAC Digest](#), OEA has created a survey to gather feedback on design changes demonstrated in the preview reports. Please use the Preview Report Feedback Survey form available on the [Accountability Resources webpage](#) to provide OEA with feedback and please share this form with your school and district communities. We are planning to close this survey on April 2. If you have questions about the preview report survey, please contact [Patrick Chambers](#).

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminder:

Test Window Extension

The ACCESS for ELLs test window has been extended until May 21. Updated post-testing dates are available on the [ACCESS for ELLs Calendar webpage](#).

ACT with writing

New:

ACT test window 1 has come to a close. Thank you for your continued support to ensure students have a successful testing experience this spring.

Testing Window 2 Begins

ACT test window 2 began March 23. All standard paper testing materials from the paper March 23 test date are scheduled to be picked up by FedEx on March 24. If your materials are not picked-up timely, please reach out ACT immediately to schedule a pick-up: (800) 553-6244, ext. 2800. The paper accommodation test window is scheduled March 23-26, 29-31 and April 1-2. Online testing (standard and accommodations) is scheduled March 23-25 and March 30-April 1. If you are administering online make-up testing during test window 2 you will need to order [Online Testing Materials Return Kit](#) to return your materials. Materials for both paper accommodation and online testing are scheduled to be picked-up by FedEx on April 5.



Aspire

New:

Preparing for Testing:

The Aspire testing window will open on April 5 and run until May 19, 2021.

Tech Readiness

Technical Coordinators should review the Technical Readiness Guide and TestNav system requirements and run a mock administration prior to testing. All technical site readiness resources are found on the [Wisconsin ACT Aspire webpage](#).

Staff Training

Train all testing staff (new and old) before test day. Test Coordinators should review and implement all training topics outlined under the Staff Training Requirement section of the [Aspire Test Coordinator Manual](#). Recordings of all webinars and task specific tutorials can be found on the [Wisconsin ACT Aspire webpage](#).

Test Sessions

Test Coordinators should be setting up test sessions and assigning students to those test sessions. Please see the [Aspire Test Coordinator Manual](#) for directions or view the training tutorials found on the [Wisconsin ACT Aspire webpage](#) under Preparation.

Preparing Students

Exemplar items for ACT Aspire are available on the [DPI ACT Aspire Practice Tests/Sample Items webpage](#).

DLM

New:

Test Window Now Open

The DLM testing window opened March 22. All testing must be completed by May 14. It is important that students' First Contact Surveys are completed so testlets will be available when a student is ready to test. Teachers also need to accept their security agreement and complete trainings.

Reminder:

Test Tickets

Instructions on how to locate student test tickets and Testlet Information Pages can be found in the [Educator Portal User Guide](#) beginning on page 50. Test tickets will be available starting March 22. Please contact [Michael Peacy](#) if you have any questions about test tickets.

Rater Forms

Students that have been rostered to Social Studies need to have a completed rater form. The rater forms can be found on the [Wisconsin DLM webpage](#) under "Scoring & Reporting".

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam Test Window Now Open

The Forward Exam Test Window opened March 22. All testing must be completed by May 14. As a reminder, OEA has provided additional flexibility to the window by allowing districts to request additional in-person evening or weekend testing (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings until 8:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm). Refer to the [COVID-19 Assessment Update webpage](#) for more information on extended testing hours and all other Forward Exam administration changes for 2021.

Accessing Forward Exam Practice Tests on iPads

For students using iPads, the Online Tools Training (OTT) and Item Samplers should be accessed through the DRC INSIGHT App on the student's device or the public URL using a Safari browser.

Preparing Virtual Student Devices for On-site Testing

DRC has released a [technology bulletin](#) that provides guidance for districts about preparing virtual learner's devices for on-site Forward testing. The level of attention these devices may need before they are used for testing will vary depending upon how the devices have been managed while they were off the district's network. As network configuration and device management practices vary by district, some tips may not apply to all situations.

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Forward Accommodation Requests

For those extremely rare situations where a student may need print-on-demand, listening script, Read Aloud accommodation, or an accommodation not in the Accessibility Guide, there is a special protocol to request approval for the use of these accommodations. Refer to the [Accessibility Guide](#) for more information about these accommodations. If a student requires the use of one of these uncommon accommodations, the DAC must submit a [Request for Approval Form](#).

Read Aloud Accommodation Prior Approval

The Read Aloud accommodation is different from the Read Aloud designated support, and it is only available to a student with visual impairments who is receiving instruction in contracted braille but is not yet proficient. The student's need must be documented in an IEP or 504 plan and the student must meet

all five criteria on the [Forward Exam Request for Read Aloud Accommodation Form](#) which must be submitted to OEA by the DAC. **Students who do not have DPI prior approval for the use of the Read Aloud accommodation may have the ELA portion of their test invalidated due to the use of an inappropriate accommodation.** Students who do not meet the accommodation criteria but require Read Aloud, including students who have IEP or 504 plans, should use the Read Aloud designated support.

NAEP

New:

NAEP 2021 Monthly School Survey due March 26

This week is the window for the March NAEP 2021 Monthly School Survey data collection. Please review the tip sheet and notes on MyNAEP for guidance. The survey should take no more than about 30 minutes each month to complete. Angela is out of the office this week; if you need assistance please contact [Duane Dorn](#).

Results from the first NAEP 2021 Monthly School Survey

The results from the February collection of January data were originally scheduled for release on March 19. The release was delayed until today, March 24. See how Wisconsin schools compare to schools around the nation in instructional modes and attendance on the [School Survey Dashboard](#).

Reminder:

Visit the [NCES COVID-19 Updates page](#) for information about the postponement of NAEP testing this year. [MyNAEP](#) is available for schools participating in the monthly school survey. Resources for participating schools can also be found on the [NAEP Resources | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#) webpage. Please contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions.

Reading Readiness

Reminder:

Reading Readiness Reimbursement

The deadline for District Assessment Coordinators to submit their reading readiness reimbursement requests is scheduled for **April 2**. DACs received an email on March 12 from DPI Forms Management with guidance on how to submit requests for reimbursement. If you have not received the form or have questions, contact [Duane Dorn](#).

Assessment and Accountability COVID-19 Related Updates

COVID-19 Updates

For assessment and accountability COVID-19 Updates please visit:

- [COVID-19 – Accountability Updates and Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 – Assessment Updates and Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 Assessment FAQ](#)

Important Dates to Remember

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

Month	Day and Event	Assessment
March	17-26: NAEP Monthly School Survey (new, extended window)	NAEP
	22: Forward and DLM test window opens	Forward/DLM
	23: ACT test window 2 begins	ACT
April	5: Aspire test window begins	Aspire
	13: ACT test window 3 begins	ACT
	14-23: NAEP Monthly School Survey (new, extended window)	NAEP
May	5: Final ACT make-up, paper only testing date	ACT
	7: Last day to order paper materials for Aspire	Aspire
	14: Forward and DLM test window closes	Forward/DLM
	19: Aspire test window closes	Aspire
	21: ACCESS test window closes	ACCESS
	24-28: NAEP Monthly School Survey	NAEP
	28: All materials due back to DRC	ACCESS

New Online Resource Highlights

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
Switching from Paper to Online Testing	Instructions on how to switch from paper testing to online testing	ACT
ACT Inclement Weather/Late Start Policy	Policy for weather related emergencies and late start testing	ACT
ACCESS for ELLs Student Transfer Request form	If a student enrolls in your district, please fill out this form	ACCESS
2021 ACT Aspire Webinars/Chat with Expert Recordings	Recordings of all spring 2021 summative Aspire trainings and Chat with Expert webinars	Aspire



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