Accountability

New:
Seeking Public Comment on Federal Accountability Waiver

DPI is seeking public comment on a federal waiver request that would suspend accountability requirements, including basing achievement on at least 95 percent of students, and delay 2020-21 long-term goals and Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Additional Targeted Support and Improvement, and Targeted Support and Improvement identifications by one year. This waiver request is based off a template provided by the US Department of Education and would replace earlier ESSA identification and academic assessment waiver requests from the DPI. This waiver request is up for public comment until April 2.

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminder:
Test Window and Post-Testing Timeline

The ACCESS for ELLs calendar webpage has the most up-to-date information about the ACCESS for ELLs test window and post-testing dates for materials return, reporting, and so on.

ACT with writing

New:
Close of Test Window 2

Materials for both paper accommodations and online testing are scheduled to be picked-up by FedEx on April 5. If your materials are not picked-up, please reach out to ACT immediately to schedule a pick-up: (800) 553-6244, ext. 2800. ACT will not score late arriving answer documents.

Student Scores

Students will receive their ACT scores 3-8 weeks after testing. Scores will be mailed to students and will also be available in each student's MyACT account. Students who were unable to create a MyACT account or send their scores to at least one college, will receive an additional opportunity to send their scores to four colleges for free. ACT will include a voucher for sending scores to colleges along with the printed score report that is mailed to students. Instructions for using the voucher will be included with the score report.

Reminders:
Make-Up Testing

> Paper Testing Only:
> - Standard Administration: April 13, May 5
> - Paper Accommodations: April 13-16, 19-23; May 5-7, 10-11
> - Reference the Schedule of Events for deadlines on when to reorder testing materials.

> Online Testing:
> - April 13-15 and 20-22
> - Order an Online Testing Materials Return Kit

Online Testing - Post-Test

Once all testing for Test Window 2 has been completed, Technical Coordinators must purge all test content from all proctor-caching computers.

Non-Tested Students

If you have students on your roster who will not take the ACT during the testing windows, you will need to mark those students as not tested in PAnext. Please follow the instructions outlined in the How to Enter Not Tested Codes document to complete this process.

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 experienced) 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:
DLM Test Administration Monitoring
It is important for District Assessment Coordinators (DTCs) to monitor the completion of the DLM testlets. Those with the DTC role in Educator Portal can download a *DLM Test Administration Monitoring Report* to track the number of testlets required and completed. Directions on how to use the Report function can be found in the Educator Portal User Guide beginning on page 99.

Field Tests and Teacher Surveys
Field tests and teacher surveys are available for students and teachers to complete. The field tests and surveys are optional, but we do encourage them to be completed. Teachers only need to complete one survey even if more are offered throughout the test window. Field tests and teacher surveys are an important part of test development and help to ensure DLM continues to meet the needs of our students.

Reminder:
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.

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:
Tips for Forward Testing
- Ensure device resolution is 1024 x 768 or better (see testing device requirements in the System Requirements) and that the zoom is 100% to allow test questions to render correctly.
- Have IT staff verify that "Allow App to Manage Power" is turned off (see Technology User Guide Volume III Step 20) to prevent Chromebooks from going to "sleep" during testing.)

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- Accessibility features must be entered on an individual student basis or with the mass upload of common features (see DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide pg. 18-19). The Multiple Student Upload (MSU) cannot be used to upload accommodations and supports during the test window.
- All purge requests must go through DPI (see DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide pg. 33-35).
- If you plan to do the practice test with students immediately prior to the testing, DO NOT distribute test tickets until you are ready to begin the actual Forward Exam.
- Set-up and device readiness – (See also Preparing Virtual Student Devices for On-site Testing).
    - Verify the necessary URLs are allowed on firewalls and content filters.
    - Verify software updates and Operating System updates have been applied.
    - Verify the DRC INSIGHT software is installed on testing devices and is up to date.
    - If local firewalls are used on COS Service Devices and/or testing device, make sure they do not restrict testing traffic.
    - Verify the right test content is downloaded and current using COS Content Management.
    - Perform a system readiness check on student devices when they come on site and prior to testing.

Reminder:
Forward Exam Test Window 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.

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.

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NAEP

New:

Results from the first NAEP 2021 Monthly School Survey

The results from the February collection of January data were released on 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
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
June	11: Users Guide to Interpreting Results available	**Forward**

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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