

COVID-19 UPDATES

Assessment Related Updates

The Office of Student Assessment has created a [webpage](#) with updates on statewide assessments related to school closures due to COVID-19. This website will be kept up-to-date as we receive new information.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) received [approval to implement waivers](#) for requirements in section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, related to **federal** assessment and accountability requirements. **All federal requirements are waived for the state and all districts effective immediately.** The DPI continues to work with Governor Evers' office and the legislature to address the state statutory requirements of testing and accountability.

Due to the school closures and the evolving COVID-19 situation, it is not possible to administer the statewide assessments for the 2019-20 school year. There will be no further state assessments required for this school year. We will continue to use the DAC Digest and the COVID-19 Related Assessment Updates [webpage](#) to update you as we move forward.

Please contact osamail@dpi.wi.gov with questions.

ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

Reminder: WISEsecure & WISEhome

Beginning April 18, WISEsecure is taking over as the new hub for application security management (ASM). Application administrators and district security administrators can use WISEsecure to easily review application access requests, grant user roles for applications, and offboard users who leave an organization.

WISEsecure comes along with WISEhome, the new launchpad for accessing WISE applications. WISEhome replaces Secure Home and will provide a clearer interface and more streamlined system for requesting access to applications.

For more information, please see the [WISEsecure Preview](#) and [WISEhome Preview](#) documents. If you have questions about WISEsecure and WISEhome, please submit a [Help Desk Ticket](#).

Reminder: Spring Demographics Snapshot Cancelled

The Spring Demographics Snapshot (originally scheduled for May 19) has been cancelled. Districts are facing many challenges during this time of closure and DPI is cancelling the snapshot to reduce burden on districts during these challenging times.

The purpose of the Spring Demographics Snapshot is to capture enrollment and student demographic information as close to assessment windows as possible. The enrollment information and demographics captured in the snapshot are then linked with assessment results for public and secure reporting, including the state reports cards. DPI will not have assessment results to report for 2019-20, with the exception of the ACT (the majority of 11th graders were able to take the ACT in early March) and ACCESS for ELLs (the test period ended before closures) assessments. DPI is working on a solution to link demographics to these two assessments and will keep districts updated as this work progresses.

If you have questions about the cancelled Spring Demographics Snapshot, please submit a [Help Desk Ticket](#).

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

ACT High School Assessments

ACT with writing

Reminders:

Vouchers for June and July National Testing Dates

ACT will be shipping free testing vouchers to DACs in the next couple of weeks. These vouchers will allow 11th grade students who were unable to test on March 3 or March 17 the opportunity to test on one of the national testing dates in June or July. DACs should immediately notify students who were unable to test in March of the availability of these vouchers and instruct these students to wait until the vouchers arrive before attempting to register for the national testing dates. When the vouchers arrive, DACs should offer these vouchers to the impacted students and assist these students with registering for the June or July national ACT test dates.

Additional information related to the vouchers:

- Vouchers are only to be provided to 11th grade students who were not able to test on March 3 or March 17.
- These vouchers provide students with the opportunity to test. **There is no requirement that students test on these dates.**
- Students that test on June 2 (see below) are not eligible for a voucher.
- Students that tested on March 3 or March 17 are not eligible for a voucher.
- June 13, 2020 ACT Test Date
 - Student Registration Deadline - May 8, 2020
- July 18, 2020 ACT Test Date
 - Student Registration Deadline - June 19, 2020
- More detailed information will be provided when vouchers arrive in districts.

June 2nd Testing Date

ACT is offering an additional ACT test date for schools that would like the opportunity to test 11th grade students who were unable to test on the March 3 or March 17 test dates. This June 2nd test date would allow participating schools the opportunity to host a test site for the impacted students. This would be a “state” test date and only available to 11th grade students who did not test on March 3 or March 17.

Additional information related to this date:

- **Schools will only be allowed to offer this option if the emergency order from the Governor related to school closures is lifted.**
- Schools with impacted students are not required to offer this date to their students.
- Students are not required to test on this date. Participation is voluntary.
- Students that are provided with a voucher to test on the June or July national test date would not be eligible to test on June 2.

ACT is Providing Free Digital Learning Resources for Students Impacted by COVID-19

ACT is providing resources to serve community needs during this challenging time. The resources are adaptable for use in the home and through online learning. To discover more about these resources, visit [ACT online](#).

Score Report Schedule

5-8 weeks after testing, sent in batches

- Printed student report sent to student’s home
- Printed student report sent to the school
- Student score labels sent to the school
- Checklist report sent to the school
- Scores sent to the colleges that the student selected during the non-test session

Score Report Resources

- [ACT Sample Student Score Report](#)
- [ACT Sample High School Score Report](#)

Reading Readiness

New:

Reading Readiness Reimbursement

DPI will be evaluating the Reading Readiness reimbursement requests in the next couple of weeks and verifying information where necessary. Districts should expect to be reimbursed for their expenses sometime in late May or early June.

More information can be found at [Reading Readiness Information](#) and [Reading Readiness FAQ](#).

ACCESS for ELLs

New:

Post-reporting data validation is optional and will be available in the WIDA AMS from April 24 through May 29. This is three weeks longer than originally scheduled in order to provide districts more time to make final corrections to data, if necessary. Please contact [Jesse Roberts](#) if you have any questions.

The May 1 paper ISR delivery has been rescheduled to June 1 to ensure that critical staff are available to sign for the delivery in all districts. If schools are not in session state-wide at that time, the delivery will take place on August 17. We will provide updated information as it becomes available.

Reminder:

The 2019-20 ACCESS results will be available in the WIDA AMS beginning April 24. At that time districts will be able to view and download district data files, frequency reports, and translated student reports.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

Reminder:

DLM staff has compiled a list of resources that support teachers and parents in adapting learning at home for students with significant cognitive disabilities. This list represents ELA, mathematics, and science resources located on the DLM Educator Resource pages and dlmpd.com. DLM has also prepared a letter (located on the [Dynamic Learning Maps Website](#)) for teachers and parents providing details and resources to help continue to educate students with the most significant cognitive disabilities while at home.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

New:

The NAEP 2018 U.S. History, Civics, and Geography results for grade 8 are being released on April 23. These are national level results. Students in Wisconsin participated in the assessments and contributed to the national results. Learn more about the assessment and read about previous results on [The Nation's Report Card](#). You can [register to attend](#) the live release on April 23 at 1:30pm ET.

Virtual Learning Opportunities

ELA/Math

The Literacy and Mathematics team has been tweeting and sharing the Resource Hub from instruction partner [EL Education](#). This hub features resources and tools for remote learning management, instructional routines, and content-specific resources for ELA and Math.

Social Studies

The Maine Department of Education has provided a [list](#) of what to consider when developing educational experiences for your social studies students outside of the classroom. There are also examples of different ways to approach asynchronous learning experiences in the different content strands along with appropriate supporting links. Additional resources to support the creation of units can be found at the [DOE Continuity of Learning webpage](#) as well as the [Social Studies Curriculum & Instruction](#) pages for each of the four content areas ([Civics & Government](#), [Personal Finance & Economics](#), [Geography](#), [History](#)).

For a more tailored collection, check out this collection of [searchable curricular resources sorted by grade band and content strand](#) that can be used to support the creation of asynchronous learning experiences for your students. Please note this site is currently being built out. Check back for more information.

Science

STEM Teaching Tools is providing families with educational resources and opportunities to engage in safe, meaningful science learning at home. The resources were developed by members of the Council of State Science Supervisors (CSSS). Many of the links below connect to editable versions of each document. Please adapt the resources as necessary for your context.

- [Supporting students' science learning during COVID-19 school closures](#) (in PDF)
- For Families: [How can families support student science learning at home](#) (in PDF)
- For Students: [How can you continue science learning at home](#) (in PDF)
- [Sample Learning Menu](#) - with options for low or no technology at home learning activities (in PDF)
- [Layout Version of Resources, for printing](#) (in English)

Civics Exam Requirements

Under state law, DPI has the authority to waive requirements on school districts under [Wis. Stats. 118.38](#) for provisions in state statute and related administrative rules in chapters 115-121, with certain exceptions. DPI implemented a streamlined process during this public health emergency to request waivers for [the civics exam](#) requirements. For more information please contact [Tamara Mouw](#) or [Kris McDaniel](#).

AP Exams Move to On-Line

The College Board has developed secure, online free-response exams for each AP course. For more information about the 2019-20 AP Exam administration visit <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/taking-ap-exams> or the [FAQ](#).

WISEsecure User Agreement Update

The WISEsecure user agreement will be updated as of April 18. Previously, the user agreement was only available to users who accessed applications through SecureHome. With WISEsecure, all users will now have to acknowledge the user agreement to gain access. Please see [DPI's Secure Home Information](#) page for more information about WISEsecure.

Leading for Learning Summit Cancelled

The Leading for Learning leadership committee is cancelling the June 2020 Leading for Learning Summit in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and unprecedented changes and responsibilities facing Wisconsin schools and districts.

DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES

Important Dates to Remember

April	24: ISRs and Data Downloads available in WIDA AMS	ACCESS
	24: Post-Reporting Data Validation opens	ACCESS
May	29: Post-Reporting Data Validation closes	ACCESS
	By end of May (tentative): Districts receive notification of selection for NAEP 2021	NAEP
June	1: Paper ISRs received by districts (date subject to change due to COVID-19 shutdowns)	ACCESS

New Online Resource Highlights

As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience for two weeks. This is NOT an exhaustive list, but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
ACCESS for ELLs Resources	Parent notification materials for ACCESS ISRs	ACCESS
Kids' Zone	Resources supporting home learning	NAEP
NAEP Data Tools	Data tools to explore NAEP results	NAEP
ACT- Digital Learning Resources	Online learning resources for parents, students and educators	ACT
Resource Hub	Resources and tools for remote learning management, instructional routines, and content-specific resources	N/A
Continuity of Learning - Social Studies	Resources and learning experiences in the different content strands along with appropriate supporting links	N/A
STEM Teaching Tools	Resources supporting students' science learning	N/A