



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

April 30, 2025

Assessment

New:

Statewide Assessment Windows are Closed

We would like to thank everyone for administering the spring Statewide Assessments. Your attention to detail helps to ensure all students have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. We appreciate you and the time and effort you put into assessing our students.

Assessment Reporting and Sharing Results from the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS)

The 2024-25 Vendor-Based Reporting Information is now available under Wisconsin State Assessment Timelines on the [Assessment webpage](#). This handout provides key dates for the different phases of reporting for each statewide assessment in one document. Individual Student Reports (ISRs) should be shared with families as soon as possible. DACs should work with district and school staff to ensure assessment results are shared internally for program planning and professional development.

DPI publicly releases summary test score data for the WSAS in the fall. As such, DPI strongly recommends that districts coordinate their own public release with the DPI public release. After the secure release of results to districts and prior to the public release, DPI performs additional quality assurance, data validation, and data redaction when needed to protect student privacy.

Districts may share their summary assessment results with their school boards prior to the DPI public release. Districts may not publicly share personally identifiable information and therefore would be responsible to ensure shared results are redacted to comply with data security and student privacy requirements, as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state law. More information about maintaining student data privacy is available on the [Student Data Privacy webpage](#).

District summary data may be shared with district and school staff who understand the data security and student privacy requirements outlined in FERPA and state law. This allows district staff to use the data for professional development, continuous improvement efforts, and other planning purposes. Districts may share individual student reports with parents or guardians, teachers, school leaders, and others with a legitimate interest.

Districts should not share the statewide data reported in the vendor portals. This data has not yet been through DPI's quality assurance and validation process and is therefore subject to change. Final statewide results, which are used in accountability calculations, will be released in WISEdash in the fall.



DAC Contact Updates During the Summer and into the 2025-26 School Year

It is important to keep your District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) contact information up to date over the summer months and as staffing changes occur from 2024-25 to 2025-26. Communications from OEA will be sent to DACs over the summer and into early fall regarding assessment and accountability, including information on data and reporting availability. You may need to assign an Interim DAC to ensure your district continues to receive updates while filling the DAC position for the 2025-26 school year. The DAC contact information is used to verify who should have DAC level access to reports in the vendor portals. Be sure to complete a [DAC Update form](#) with the appropriate effective date noted if any changes are needed for the coming months.

Reminder:

May Demographic Snapshot - May 13

DPI will conduct the WISEdata May Demographic Snapshot on May 13. Please take this opportunity to review your student data to ensure your enrollment and demographic values are up-to-date and accurate for the snapshot. These data will be used to make sure that demographics associated with, and reported for, assessment results are as accurate and timely as possible. More information on the snapshot, including data elements and resources is available in the [May Demographic Snapshot announcement](#), from the DPI Customer Service team. If you have any questions in preparation for the snapshot, please submit a [WISE Help Ticket](#).

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminder:

ACCESS Data and Reports

Test results and PDF score reports are available in the [WIDA AMS/DRC Insight portal](#). Student score reports are available in many different languages. Please consult with parents to ensure that they have access to score reports in a language they can understand and in a format they can access.

ACT

New:

Student Scores and Data Reminder:

Students' scores are received 5-8 weeks post testing. Scores will be sent electronically to their MyACT accounts and a paper copy will be sent to their home address. Schools will see scores filter into [Success.ACT](#) within one week of students receiving scores in MyACT and receive a hard copy of the students' reports to retain as record. See the [ACT Online Reporting User Guide](#) for information on how to access student scores and aggregated reports in Success.



PreACT Secure

New:

PreACT Secure Testing Concluded

Spring 2025 PreACT Secure testing has concluded. Please ensure that all paper accommodated materials have been sent back to ACT (due May 9), test sessions are stopped, seating diagrams uploaded and not-tested codes are entered (due May 2).

PreACT Secure Scores

On May 1, PreACT Secure scores will begin to post in [ACT Success](#). Student scores will continue to post throughout May with all scores and data being finalized on May 30. **No paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be sent to schools.** Schools will be responsible for downloading and disseminating ISRs to families. DPI encourages schools to wait until all data is final before downloading and distributing ISRs. Instructions on how to access and download ISRs and reports can be found in the [ACT Online Reporting User Guide](#). **Please share this information with your schools.**

DLM

New:

DLM Score Reports

The DLM Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be electronically available to districts in the Educator Portal on June 23. Be sure to provide parents/guardians with ISRs as soon as possible after electronic receipt.

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam Reports

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal May 27. Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts June 17. Be sure to send ISRs out to parents/guardians as soon as possible after receipt either in hard copy or via your secure parent portal.

Estimated Trend Data

The Forward Exam ELA and mathematics tests were extensively updated in 2023-24 to align with the revised Wisconsin academic standards in those content areas. Due to these updates, results from 2023-24 onward are reported on a new scale and with updated performance standards. The [April 25 EdLeaders Dispatch](#) shared DPI has developed summarized Forward Exam data files dating back to the 2018-19 school year that estimate how students may have performed in these years if the 2023-24 performance standards had been in place. This work provides our educators and local school leaders the ability to look

at performance trends, as some had requested. These estimates are based on the revised performance levels and should be interpreted with caution. Information on the trend data and download files is available on the DPI's [Forward Exam Estimated Trend Data webpage](#). For questions about the data, please contact the [Office of Educational Accountability](#).

Reminders:

Educator Involvement Opportunity - Deadline to Apply May 2

DPI is still recruiting Wisconsin educators (including English learner and special education teachers) to participate in the Forward Exam New Item Review (deadline to apply is May 2). Item review is an important step in the development of the Forward Exam. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the Forward Exam development, have detailed input on the test questions, and take knowledge back to your district about the process. More information, including how to apply, is available on the [Forward Exam Educators Involvement webpage](#). Please share this information with your educators.

Forward Exam Not-Tested Codes

District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) must enter a Not-Tested Code (NTC) in the DRC INSIGHT Portal for all students who were unable to be tested or who participated in the DLM. The deadline to enter NTCs is May 2, this deadline cannot be extended. Students must be in a test session to view, assign, or edit their NTC. Information on assigning NTCs is available on p.31 of the [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#).

NAEP and International Assessments

(for schools selected to participate in 2024-25 assessments only)

Reminder:

NAEP Assessment	Test Window	Task Summary
Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) (age 15)	NEW Test Window: March 31 - May 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PISA field staff are in contact with schools participating in PISA, and the test window is now open. Please direct questions to PISAHELP@westat.com.

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for information and resources. Contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions. For help with the [NAEP AMS](#), contact the NAEP Help Desk at NAEPHelp@westat.com or (800) 283-6237.

Reading Readiness – Early Literacy Assessment

Reminders:

May Customer Forum

[Registration is open for the May 14 Customer Forum](#) where you can engage with other users and the aimswebPlus team for learning, feedback opportunities, and updates. Recordings and certificates of attendance are posted in Help within aimswebPlus after each session.

Spring Administration Resources

- [Wisconsin aimswebPlus website](#)
- Pearson Customer Support
 - [Online Help Request](#)
 - Pearson Customer Call Support (Mon–Fri, 6am to 6pm CT) at (866) 313-6194. Select option 1 for general support, or option 2 for technical support.
 - [Customer Support Email](#)

Title I/Continuous Improvement Resource

New:

Resource Inequity Data Tool

The 2024-25 Resource Inequity Data Tool is now available in the [Secure Access File Exchange \(SAFE\)](#).

This tool helps school and district staff examine the distribution of resources within their schools and align these resources with local equity goals. Specifically, this tool will help school and district staff:

- Examine distribution of resources: staffing, funding, course offerings, instructional materials, and engagement with families.
- Compare school, district, and state data to see where your school and district stand relative to others.
- Ask key questions to find patterns in the data.
- Plan action steps to better align distribution of resources with local goals.

The Resource Inequity Data Tool was designed as a resource for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI/ATSI) schools developing [improvement plans](#). Though the tool is specifically targeted to these identified schools, it is also provided to all schools to help identify and address resource inequities. Please note that schools are not required to access or use this tool. It is part of DPI's work to support schools and districts across the state by providing relevant resources to facilitate the [continuous improvement process](#). Please contact dpititle1@dpi.wi.gov with any questions.

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
2024-25 Statewide Assessment Vendor-Based Reporting Timeline	2024-25 Vendor-Based Reporting Information is now available under Wisconsin State Assessment Timelines.	ALL
Educator Involvement Application	Educators may apply for New Item Review.	Forward

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
April 30	Deadline to apply for the 2025 Wisconsin Accountability Standard Setting Panel (educator involvement opportunity)	Accountability
May 2	Deadline to apply for Forward Exam New Item Review (educator involvement opportunity)	Forward
May 2	Final day to enter Not Tested Codes	PreACT Secure
May 2	Final day to enter Not Tested Codes in DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
May 8	Paper reports delivered to districts; Post-Reporting Data Validation Window opens	ACCESS
May 13	May Demographics Snapshot - assessment demographics on accountability reports (including the School and District Accountability Reports) are collected from WISE	WSAS and Accountability
May 22	Post-Reporting Data Validation Window closes	ACCESS
May 23	Early Literacy Diagnostic Assessment Reimbursement (ELDAR), digital reimbursement request form due	Early Literacy

Date	Event	Program
May 23	PISA Test Window closes (for selected schools only)	PISA
May 27	ISRs and Summary Data available in the DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
May 30	PreACT Secure ISRs and data files final in ACT Online Reporting (Success)	PreACT Secure
June 3	ACT school and district aggregated data available in ACT's Online Reporting System (Success)	ACT
June 17	Hard copies of ISRs sent to districts	Forward



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