



Office of Educational Accountability and Office of Student Assessment Transition

Colleagues,

I write with some organizational news about DPI. As some of you know, the Office of Educational Accountability used to include staff with both assessment and accountability responsibilities. Several years ago, in order to best manage major assessment and accountability transitions, we split the teams, creating the Office of Student Assessment alongside the Office of Educational Accountability. At this time, we are excited to announce that we are bringing the two teams back together, again as a single Office of Educational Accountability.

This change will strengthen the relationship between assessment and accountability in our agency, and will allow us to better support those of you in schools and districts in how you use data for continuous improvement.

Viji Somasundaram, currently the Director of the Office of Student Assessment, will become Director of the Office of Educational Accountability.

If you have any questions about this organizational change, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Keona Jones
Assistant State Superintendent, Division for Student and School Success

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

New Assessment Related Resources for Distance Learning

The Office of Student Assessment is committed to supporting families, schools, districts and District Assessment Coordinators during this unique time of distance learning. The OSA team has created two resources that can be used to support student learning during this challenging time.

Testing Practice Tools

While we are not able to administer the Wisconsin statewide assessments this spring, we want to remind you of practice tools that are available to students. The [Testing Practice Tools](#) resource provides links to various test practice tools for each of our statewide assessments that students can access from home.

Formative Assessment Practices for Distance Learning

Families can support at-home learning in a variety of ways including formative assessment-related activities. The [Formative Assessment Practices for Distance Learning](#) resource can be used to enhance student learning. Families can use the suggested strategies to check for student understanding, provide feedback on student learning, and set learning goals at home together with their students.

OSA Office Hours Webinar

The OSA Office Hours webinar originally scheduled for May 21 has been canceled. We will continue to provide timely updates through the DAC Digest and the [OSA website](#).

ACT High School Assessments

ACT with writing

Reminders:

Vouchers for National Testing Dates:

The Office of Student Assessment is continuing to work with ACT to provide a National testing voucher program for students who were unable to take the ACT in March due to school closure. Although we are unable to guarantee what National testing dates the vouchers will be available for or when they will be released at this time, we are anticipating voucher availability for the July 18 National testing date. DPI encourages schools and districts to share the [Testing Practice Tools](#) as a resource for students who may still need to test.

Information related to the upcoming voucher program:

- 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 this date.**
- Students that tested on March 3 or March 17 are not eligible for a voucher.
- July 18 ACT Test Date
 - Student Registration Deadline - June 19
- More detailed information will be provided when vouchers arrive in districts.

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](#)

Forward Exam

New:

Summer 2020 Educator Item Review

Each summer, the Office of Student Assessment recruits a diverse group of educators from all over Wisconsin (including EL and special education teachers) to participate in the “New Item Review” for the Forward Exam. Selected educators provide valuable feedback and detailed input about potential items for the Forward Exam.

In order to follow safety guidelines for large gatherings, protect our attendees and staff, and allow Wisconsin educators the time needed to continue to care for their students during this challenging time, the 2020 New Item Review has been cancelled. As educator input is vital during this stage of item development, all items that were up for review this summer will be brought to the next item review meeting, when that is scheduled.

Reminder:

Assessment of New Social Studies Standards

The new Forward Exam for Social Studies was due to be launched in the spring of 2021, giving educators a few years to teach to the new standards prior to testing. This new Social Studies exam will be aligned to the new Social Studies Standards that were released in 2018. However, with the cancellation of the spring 2020 Forward Exam, DRC is unable to field test additional items needed to create the new Social Studies test. Therefore, for spring 2021 we will continue to administer Social Studies assessments aligned to the previous standards. The new Forward Exam for Social Studies will be delayed until the spring of 2022.

Reading Readiness

Reminder:

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

Reminders:

The 2019-20 WIDA Screener test administration year ends on June 24. At that time, administration will be locked, and incomplete tests will not be able to be finished. On June 25 the 2020-21 WIDA Screener test administration year opens. If you have WIDA Screener tests in progress on June 24, you will need to readminister the entire test within the 2020-21 administration year. You do not need to take any action regarding the incomplete tests.

The 2019-20 ACCESS results are now available in the WIDA AMS. You may view and download district data files, frequency reports, and translated Individual Student Reports (ISRs). If you have the ability to securely deliver electronic copies of the ISR to parents, you may do so at any time.

Post-reporting data validation is optional and is open through May 29. Please contact [Jesse Roberts](#) if you have any questions.

The May 1 paper ISR delivery has been rescheduled to August 17 to ensure that critical staff are available to sign for the delivery in all districts.

DLM

New:

Instructional Supports on Social Media

DLM is providing teachers and parents with a number of at-home learning resources that will be continually updated. Social media users are greatly encouraged to engage with ATLAS social media. Greater engagement can increase the likelihood that parents and educators are exposed to these helpful at-home resources. ATLAS (DLM) currently manages a Twitter account (@atlas4learning) and a Facebook page (ATLAS4Learning). The ATLAS At-Home Learning Resources Social Media Content document includes planned ATLAS posts and tips for engaging with ATLAS on social media. These will be automatically posted on the day listed in the document and be added to the News section on the public side of the DLM website. You can find the document on the [Wisconsin's Educator Resource Page](#) on the DLM website.

Reminder:

Released Testlets for At-Home Instruction

More testlets were released and made available in Kite® Student Portal on May 1. The Released Testlets for At-Home Instruction resources are intended to serve as an at-home instructional support for parents and educators as they use released testlets, in conjunction with other DLM resources, for at-home instruction. Parents and educators can access this resource on the [Wisconsin's Educator Resource Page](#) of the DLM website.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Reminder:

Notification about NAEP 2021 (for school year 2020-21) will be slightly delayed due to school closures. Usually districts are notified in May, and schools are notified in June of their selection for NAEP in the following school year. This year, notification will likely be sent out later in the summer. The National Center for Education Statistics in the US Department of Education (oversees NAEP) believes NAEP will provide important benchmarks to help understand the impact of the current health crisis. As of now, the assessment will be conducted as scheduled in early 2021.

Virtual Learning Opportunities

Reminders:

ELA/Math

The DPI Literacy and Mathematics team created a new [Learning during Extended School Closure: ELA, Literacy and Mathematics](#) webpage. The resources on this page support school leaders and classroom teachers in making intentional choices about what engaging learning in ELA, literacy and mathematics can look like in home and community environments.

Science

DPI is sharing a [Resources to Support At-Home Learning in Science 2020](#) document that contains general ideas on at-home learning, current at-home learning resources in science for parents and educators and general online science learning resources.

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.

Supreme Court Decision Regarding Safer at Home Order

Deputy State Superintendent Mike Thompson sent an [email to district administrators](#) on the Supreme Court Decision Regarding Safer at Home Order today.

DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES

Important Dates to Remember

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May	29: Post-Reporting Data Validation closes	ACCESS
June	12: ACT Reports available in PANext	ACT
	25: 2020-21 WIDA Screener test administration year opens	ACCESS
August	17: Paper ISR delivery	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
Released DLM Testlets	Instructional supports that assist parents with at-home instruction	DLM
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
Learning during Extended School Closure: ELA, Literacy and Mathematics	ELA, math and literacy resources to support school leaders and classroom teachers	General
Resources to Support At-Home Learning in Science	This document includes several science resources for at-home learning	General
Continuity of Learning - Social Studies	Resources and learning experiences in the different content strands along with appropriate supporting links	General