



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

May 21, 2025

Assessment

New:

OEA Summer Communications

The last weekly DAC Digest of the 2024-25 school year will be on June 4. The DAC Digest will be sent to DACs once in June and July regarding assessment and accountability, including information on data and reporting availability, before resuming weekly mid-August. We hope you enjoy your summer and look forward to working with you all again next year.

Reminder:

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.

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminders:

Data Validation Window

The post-reporting Data Validation Window closes on May 22.

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. Any changes made during the data validation window will be updated on June 5. At that point in time, updated score reports and data files will be available.



ACT

Reminder:

Please visit the [ACT website](#) for ACT information, resources and dates.

PreACT Secure

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DLM

Reminder:

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

Reminders:

Forward Reporting Resources

When sending Individual Student Reports (ISRs) home, districts should make use of the resources available on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#) to help parents/guardians understand their child's Forward Exam results. The User's Guide to Interpreting Reports, available May 16 on this webpage, provides instructions to access ISRs and summary data in the DRC INSIGHT Portal. This document explains the types of scores and various reports associated with the assessment.

Translated ISR Resources

Districts and schools are responsible for securely distributing ISRs to parents/guardians in a language they can understand and in a format that is accessible to them. Please use the reporting resources for parents/guardians available on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#). ISR translated templates and parent/guardian ISR cover letters are available in 21 different languages and should be provided to families as needed. DACs can contact the DRC Help Desk for additional language translations.

Assign Principal Access to Forward Exam Reports

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal May 27. DACs should assign school principals the permission set of "School Report User" in the DRC INSIGHT Portal to access their school summary reporting dashboards and ISRs. 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.

The Forward Exam reporting information here has also been shared with your principals.

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

Reminder:

Growing Readers Form Now Live in the EarlyRead Application – Submit Your Annual Act 20 Data

The Growing Readers form within the [EarlyRead application](#) is live as of May 13 and ready for use.

Accessible through WISEhome, this digital tool allows public school districts and independent charter schools to submit their annual Act 20 data reporting requirement for the 2024–25 school year. District Security Administrators have access and should, if they haven't already, grant access to District Assessment Coordinators. The form will remain available through July 15, which is the final deadline for submission.

Please use WISEhome to confirm you have access. If you do not yet have access, the application will guide you through the request process. For more information on the annual Act 20 reporting requirements, visit [Reporting Requirements](#).

Resources

Reminder:

Writing Rich Classrooms: Unit Plans Added

As mentioned in the [March 5 DAC Digest](#), DPI partnered with The Greater Madison Writing Project (GMWP) and Wisconsin educators to develop instructional resources to support the sustainability of writing-rich classrooms. Narrative, informative and argumentative resources for grades 3, 4, and 5 have been added to the [Writing Rich Classrooms: Unit Plans webpage](#).

These instructional units include:

- Teacher Guides: Comprehensive strategies for identifying, unpacking, and teaching standards-aligned, rhetorically authentic effective writing prompts.
- Slide Decks: Ready-to-use visual materials for classroom instruction.
- Writing Prompts: Designed to mirror Forward Exam short-write prompts.
- Examples of Student Writing: Several units are accompanied by student writing that has been assessed using forward short-write rubrics.

Additional resources for grades 6-8 will be added every two weeks and educators will also have access to free virtual, asynchronous professional learning modules soon.

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
The User's Guide to Interpreting Reports	Explains the types of scores and various reports associated with the Forward Exam.	Forward Exam
2024-25 Statewide Assessment Vendor-Based Reporting Timeline	2024-25 Vendor-Based Reporting Information is now available under Wisconsin State Assessment Timelines.	ALL

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
May 22	Post-Reporting Data Validation Window closes	ACCESS
May 23	Early Literacy Diagnostic Assessment Reimbursement (ELDAR), digital reimbursement request form due	Early Literacy
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 5	Final Data available in WIDA AMS/DRC Insight	ACCESS
June 17	Hard copies of ISRs sent to districts	Forward



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