



WISEdash Public Portal Update

Exciting news! DPI, together with dashboard vendor Hoonuit, are teaming up to provide stakeholders with a new, clean user experience and tools to compare and explore statistics about Wisconsin schools. In the coming weeks, the WISEdash Public Portal will be transformed with new menus, navigation, and analysis capabilities. Most of the familiar charts and graphs are still available, but with a modern, consistent look and feel. The update is currently planned for June 4. New documentation will be available soon on the [WISEdash Public Portal Help page](#).

If you have questions about WISEdash, please submit a [Help Desk Ticket](#).

ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

Preview Reports Coming This Fall

As mentioned in the [March 25 DAC Digest](#), OEA has been working with an Accountability Advisory Group of stakeholders across the state, as well as a panel of national experts, to make updates to future state accountability report cards. Wisconsin Act 185 prohibits the release of school and district accountability report cards in the 2020-21 school year, which means that **we will not issue school or district report cards for 2019-20** (the report cards that would usually be publicly released in November). However, in order to help schools and districts become acclimated to the report card changes that we are working on, OEA is planning to release secure "Preview Reports" this fall directly to schools and districts in SAFE.

The **Preview Reports will not be released publically**, as these are not actual report cards. The reports will contain prior years' data, including 2018-19 assessment data, to help schools and districts understand the following changes expected to take place starting in 2020-21 report cards:

- **Visual design changes** – a cleaner, simplified look of the report cards.
- **Course data** – required information on CCR and Arts courses in high schools and districts; this will be for informational purposes only and will not impact scores.
- **New "Closing Gaps" measure** – changes to priority area that will include a performance-based target group scored using a multi-measures approach.

OEA continues to work with the Accountability Advisory Group and stakeholder groups across the state towards finalizing these changes and we will keep you updated with much more information as this work progresses. OEA has also scheduled time with Accountability Trainers in August to provide training on the Preview Reports.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact us at OEAmail@dpi.wi.gov.

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

ACT High School Assessments ACT with writing

Vouchers for July 18, 2020 National Testing Date:

Student vouchers for the July 18 national testing date will be provided to DACs later this week. DACs will receive an email directly from ACT containing detailed information about the voucher program that includes:

1. Instructions on how to disseminate the vouchers to schools/students.
2. An electronic file containing individualized serial vouchers.
3. Detailed instructions on how students register for ACT National testing with a voucher.

Upon receipt of your district's vouchers, please review the instructions and supporting documentation carefully to determine the best approach to disseminating vouchers within your district. School staff may choose to distribute vouchers in the form of hard or electronic copies. ***If you do not receive your vouchers from ACT by May 29, please contact: [Nikki Braconier](#).***

Important Registration Deadline Dates:

- **June 19** - Registration Deadline
- **June 26** - Accommodations Deadline

Voucher Program - Additional Details:

- Vouchers are only to be provided to grade 11 students who were not able to test. Students that tested on March 3 or March 17 are not eligible for a voucher.
- These vouchers provide students with the opportunity to test. **There is no requirement that students test on this date.**
- July 18 ACT Test Date
 - Student Registration Deadline - June 19
- Students will be able to access their score reports through their online account 5-8 weeks after receipt of answer documents to ACT
- Schools and districts will be able to access student scores through the Online Reporting Portal
- DPI encourages schools and districts to share the [Testing Practice Tools](#) as a resource for students who may still need to test.

School and District Reporting:

In late June/early July, the following reports will be available in PANext for all students whose exams were received by ACT on or before April 30. DPI will notify DACs when reports become available.

School Online Deliverables:

- ACT Profile Report

District Online Deliverables:

- ACT Profile Report - High School
- ACT Profile Report - District
- ACT Student Level Data File - District

Note: Results for students whose exams were shipped back to ACT after April 30, or who will be participating in the National testing voucher program, will not be included in the school or district profile reports or district level student data file in June/July. Student level data for these students will be available in either late fall or early winter.

Reminder:

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](#).

Forward Exam

Reminders:

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.

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 in 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

Reminders:

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.

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 last week.

DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES

Important Dates to Remember

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May	29: Post-Reporting Data Validation closes	ACCESS
June	19: Registration deadline for July 18 National testing date	ACT
	25: 2020-21 WIDA Screener test administration year opens	ACCESS
	26: Deadline to request accommodations for July 18 National testing date	ACT
July	18: ACT National Testing Date	ACT
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
Testing Practice Tools	Practice tools for statewide assessments that are accessible from home	General
Formative Assessment Practices for Distance Learning	Simple strategies that students and parents can engage in during at-home learning to check for student understanding of a learning target or topic of study	General