



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

July 17, 2024

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New:

Report Card Narrative Statement Collection in August

OEA plans to send out the optional report card narrative statement collection survey in August and as with last year, DACs will receive the link to submit a narrative for your district. As a reminder, this statement provides an opportunity for districts and schools to include information beyond what the data in the report card can capture. If you would like an advance start on preparing your statement(s), you can review last year's submissions on the [public report card app](#).

As with prior years, this statement will be a maximum of 400 characters (including spaces), should only include characters found on a standard keyboard, and you can have unique statements for the district report card (if applicable) and any school report cards. We will update DACs in the next DAC Digest regarding the collection timeline beginning in August.

Reminders:

Updated Performance Levels for Statewide Assessments

An [email to District Administrators](#) was sent on June 5 to announce that DPI is updating terminology used to describe student performance levels on statewide standardized assessments. The terms developing, approaching, meeting, and advanced will replace the previous, outdated terms. These updated performance levels will be used to report the Forward Exam, ACT, and PreACT Secure assessment data and results beginning with the 2023-24 administration. The DPI received overwhelming support for this change from Wisconsin educators, administrators, parents, families, and education partners in a survey. An informational resource describing the updated asset-based performance levels is available in the "What's New" section on the [Assessment in Wisconsin webpage](#).

DAC Contact Updates During the Summer and into the 2024-25 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 2023-24 to 2024-25. 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 2024-25 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.

The 2024-25 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) contact update forms](#) may be submitted by all districts beginning July 1. Please make note of the effective date on the update form. These forms are required for both new and returning DACs and DTCs, even if the information has not changed. The information provided is used to:

- Ensure DACs receive regular assessment and accountability updates, and
- Upload information into vendor portals to ensure DACs have annual permissions.

DAC and DTC Update forms must be signed by the District Administrator/Superintendent. Districts should also remove permissions in the test vendor portals (or make inactive) from any individuals who are no longer employed by the district and adjust user roles to sync with staffing changes.

Assessment Reporting

The [2023-24 Vendor-Based Reporting Information](#) is available under Wisconsin State Assessment Timelines on the Assessment webpage. Please refer to the [May 8 DAC Digest](#) for important reminders regarding sharing results from the Wisconsin Student Assessment System.

OEA Communications

Thank you for supporting assessment and accountability work in schools and districts. This is the last summer issue of the DAC Digest. We will resume weekly DAC Digests in mid-August. We hope you enjoy your summer and look forward to working with you all again next year.

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminder:

Data Availability

- WISEdash for Districts will be updated with statewide student data, including the On-Track measure.
- In August, WISEdash for Districts will be updated with the ACCESS SGPs.
- The new Alternate ACCESS for ELLs reports and data will be available September 10.

ACT

Reminder:

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

PreACT Secure

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DLM

New:

Rosters

Students can be rostered in Educator Portal beginning in August. Rostering students early allows teachers access to student score reports and the Instruction and Assessment Planner early in the school year so they can be used to guide instruction. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact [Mike Peacy](#).

DLM Training Site

The DLM Training Site will be available for teachers starting August 5. Teachers new to DLM will need an account created in Educator Portal to access the three-hour new teacher training. Returning teachers will log into the DLM Training Site to complete the one-hour returning teacher training.

Reminder:

DLM Score Reports

The DLM Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports are now electronically available to districts in Educator Portal. Please refer to the June 19 DAC Digest for information on disseminating student results.

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Reporting Resources

[The User's Guide to Interpreting Reports](#) will be available July 19 and is designed to help district and school staff access, understand, explain, and interpret the results of the Forward Exam. This document highlights the types of scores and various reports associated with the assessment. To use assessment information effectively, it is essential that educators understand the information in these reports. When sending Individual Student Reports (ISRs) home, districts should make use of the resources created to help parents/guardians understand their child's Forward Exam results. All [parent/guardian resources](#) are available in English, Spanish, and Hmong versions (e.g., sample ISR cover letter, translated ISR template).

Reminders:

Translated Individual Student Report (ISR) Templates

Districts are responsible for the secure distribution of the ISRs to parents/guardians in a language they can understand and in a format that is accessible to them. Districts and schools may include a copy of the Spanish or Hmong translated ISR with the English ISR so families have a better understanding of their student's results. If translated sample ISRs are needed in languages other than Spanish and Hmong, DACs must contact the [DRC Help Desk](#). Additional ISR translations will be made available as DRC fulfills district requests on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#). There are currently 16 additional languages that are available.

Forward Exam Reports

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports are expected to be available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal July 26. Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts August 27. Districts are required to provide parents/guardians with a complete ISR in either a secure electronic version or paper version. More information about reporting and ISRs is available in the [May 22 DAC Digest](#).

NAEP and International Assessments

(for schools selected to participate in 2023-24 and 2024-25 assessments only)

New:

Updated Timelines for Notifications for NAEP 2024-25

Initial NAEP notification emails to District Administrators were sent July 3; DACs were copied on those emails. Here is a reminder of what will be assessed in NAEP 2024-25:

- October 7 - December 13, 2024: Long-Term Trend, age 13, Reading and Mathematics
- January 6 - March 14, 2025: Long-Term Trend, age 9, Reading and Mathematics
- January 27 - March 7, 2025: NAEP Field Test, grades 4, 8, and 12, Reading and Mathematics
- March 17 - May 23, 2025: Long-Term Trend, age 17, Reading and Mathematics

For districts with schools participating in the NAEP Field Test, DACs received an email on July 9 with information about designating a District Technology Director and completing School Technology Surveys by **August 30**.

Notification to Principals in schools selected for Long-Term Trend age 13 assessments will be emailed by the end of July. Schools selected for the assessments in other ages/grades will be notified later in the summer or early fall.

Reminder:

NAEP 2024 High School Transcript Study Phase 2

Schools that have been participating in the NAEP 2024 High School Transcript Study can complete phase 2 of the data collection, which is the submission of student transcripts. Schools indicated earlier in the

study if they will submit transcripts electronically through the [NAEP Assessment Management System \(NAEP AMS\)](#) or through a hard-copy collection. More information will be sent directly to the schools in the study. Phase 2 opened June 3 and will continue through the end of September. Questions about the study can be directed to naephsts@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

New:

ACT 20 Update

On Monday, July 15, the Department issued a [press release](#) announcing aimswebPlus as the new required literacy screener for grades 4K through 3rd grade. A [website](#) for Wisconsin educators has been created which will soon contain information related to screening windows, training, rostering of students and more. Additional information can be found on the [Department's ACT 20 webpage](#).

Reading Readiness Reimbursement 2023-24

Reimbursements were deposited into district accounts on June 17. Detailed information about the amount each district received can be found at the [STAR AIDS Register](#); search under “Assessments of Reading Readiness Public”.

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 Assessment Timelines	2024-25 WSAS 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
July 19	The User's Guide to Interpreting Reports available	Forward

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July 26	Electronic Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports available in DRC Portal	Forward
August 27	Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts	Forward
August 30	Districts complete School Technology Surveys for NAEP 2024-25 Field Test schools	NAEP



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