



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

August 23, 2023

Assessment

Reminder:

2022-23 Statewide Assessment Data

Assessment results are now available in WISEdash for Districts. More information about each assessment's data can be found on the WISEdash for Districts [About the Data webpage](#). DPI will publicly release the statewide assessment results in the fall. Data security and student privacy requirements, as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state law, must be maintained when districts are sharing results publicly. More information about maintaining student data privacy is available on the [Student Data Privacy webpage](#).

Accountability

New:

Alternate Accountability - Forms due Friday, September 8

Thank you to all who have already submitted the Alternate Accountability form. If you have been notified that your school has qualified for alternate accountability this year and have not yet submitted your form, please do so by **September 8**. More information about [Alternate Accountability](#) is available on our website. Please contact [Jon Wong](#) with any questions.

Reminder:

Report Card - Optional Narrative Statement

DACs received an email on Wednesday August 16 from DPI titled "Response Requested - Report Card Narrative Statements 2023" with instructions and a link to submit optional narrative statements that will appear at the top of the state report cards. If your district/school wishes to submit statements, please work with your District Administrator, principals, and other leadership to compose, and submit these statements by **September 8**. For more information on the narrative statement, please see the [DAC Digest from August 15](#). If you did not receive a link, please email ReportCardHelp@dpi.wi.gov to request a link for your district, independent charter school, or choice school's narrative submission survey.



ACCESS for ELLs

Reminder:

User Accounts

User accounts can be added to the DRC Insight and WIDA Secure portals for fall ELP Screening at this time. New DAC accounts will be added to the DRC Insight portal in mid-September. If you are a new DAC and need earlier access to facilitate ELP Screening, please contact [Jesse Roberts](#) once we have received your DAC Update form.

ACT

Reminder:

2024 Accommodation and Support Requests

Schools can begin to enter 2024 accommodation and support requests into the ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal beginning **September 11**. Additional information, including the 2024 Accessibility Supports Guide, will be shared on a later date. New users to [Success.ACT](#) (ACT's reporting and TAA portal) should review the [Online Reporting and TAA](#) guide for instructions on how to request access.

PreACT Secure

Reminder:

Please visit the [PreACT Secure webpage](#) for information, resources, and dates.

DLM

New:

User Accounts

District Assessment Coordinators can begin to add user accounts through Educator Portal. Adding user accounts early allows teachers to begin working on their training, First Contact Surveys and the Instruction and Assessment Planner. If you have any questions regarding Educator Portal, please contact [Mike Peacy](#).

Rosters

District Assessment Coordinators can begin to create rosters in Educator Portal. Creating rosters early allows teachers to complete the digital score reports for the students. Teachers can use these reports to help guide their instruction. Rosters are also needed for teachers to fill out First Contact Surveys and use the Instruction and Assessment Planner.



First Contact Surveys

First Contact Surveys will have a refreshed look this year. Questions were analyzed and reworded for clarity or removed if no longer needed. Questions were also added to help get a more accurate understanding of the student. Filling out the First Contact Survey accurately ensures the student is placed into the correct linkage level in Educator Portal. First Contact Surveys for this year will take longer to fill out because of this refresh, so make sure you give yourself some extra time to complete them accurately.

Reminder:

DLM Training Site

The DLM Training Site is available for teachers. Educators will need to access the DLM Training Site through Educator Portal this year. Log into Educator Portal and select the training tab. Select the assigned training and the training site will open. If you have any questions regarding training, please contact [Mike Peacy](#).

Forward Exam

Reminders:

Alignment with new ELA and Mathematics Standards

The spring 2024 Forward Exam for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics at grades 3-8 will be aligned to the new Wisconsin Standards for ELA (adopted in 2020) and Mathematics (adopted in 2021). Updated Forward Exam Practice Tests will be available in December on the [Forward Exam Practice Tests webpage](#) to help students prepare. Please refer to the [August 15 DAC Digest](#), for information on changes to the Forward ELA Exam Design. More information about the newly aligned assessments will be communicated over the next several months.

NAEP and International Assessments

Reminder:

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for grade levels and content areas assessed, dates, additional information, and resources; and contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions.

Reading Readiness

New:

2023-24 School Year

For the 2023-24 school year, the Reading Readiness requirement will remain the same as previous years. Districts will be required to assess for Reading Readiness all four-year-old kindergarten through second grade students at least once during the school year. Each school board and the operator of each charter

school shall select the appropriate, valid, and reliable assessment of literacy fundamentals to be used. The school board or operator shall ensure that the assessment evaluates whether a pupil possesses phonemic awareness and letter sound knowledge. For detailed information about requirements for screening go to [Assessment of Reading Readiness overview](#).

DAC Contact Updates

New:

Annual DAC and DTC Contact Information Update Forms

The 2023-24 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and District Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) Update forms](#) must be submitted by **October 6** to ensure the information is correct for the DPI upload to the vendor portals. These forms are required for both new and returning DACs and DTCs, even if the information has not changed, and must be signed by the District Administrator.

The information provided is used to:

- Ensure DACs and DTCs are on the email lists which will provide them with regular assessment updates throughout the year.
- Upload DAC information into vendor portals to ensure DACs have 2023-24 permissions.

Important notes:

- DACs should remove permissions from and/or make inactive any individuals in vendor portals who are no longer employed by the district and adjust user roles to sync with recent staffing changes.
- If DAC contact changes occur after form submission, a new form should be submitted to name a new or interim DAC.

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
DRC INSIGHT System Requirements	Updated technology system requirements for student testing devices	Forward



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