



# The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

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## Accountability

### New:

#### Assessment Analysis Dashboard in WISEdash for Districts

The Assessment Analysis dashboard is now available in WISEdash for Districts. This dashboard allows schools and districts to explore assessment performance information that is used in state and federal accountability systems (state [school and district report cards](#) and federal [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) accountability](#)). It shows how many students are in each Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) performance level for a given school year, across grades and assessments. The new dashboard is found in the Advanced Analysis area of WISEdash for Districts under Assessment Analysis. For more information about this dashboard, please see the [About the Data page](#).

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## ACCESS for ELLs

### Reminder:

#### Roster Uploads

The DRC Insight portal will be open for **private school** roster uploads starting September 29. DPI will upload a preliminary roster for public school students and choice schools submitting enrollment with EL status on October 12, and a final roster on October 26.

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## ACT

### New:

#### ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations Portal (TAA) - Now Open

Schools can now enter 2024 ACT accommodation and support requests into the ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal. Please see the [DPI ACT Accommodations and Supports webpage](#) for additional resources, including the ACT 2024 Accessibility Guide.

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## PreACT Secure

### Reminder:

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



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## DLM

### New:

#### Participate in DLM Events

Throughout the year, DLM hosts events such as item writing and item review, which are essential steps in creating a more dynamic assessment for our students. If you would like to take part in these events please create a profile in the [Accessible Teaching Learning and Assessment Systems \(ATLAS\) recruitment site](#). If you have previously created a profile, please update it to keep your options current. Please visit the [DLM webpage](#) for information, resources, and dates.

### Reminder:

#### Fall District Training

DLM provides a [Fall District Training](#) to help answer questions districts may have in regard to the DLM. New this year is a self-guided training which is designed to help answer questions related to the various roles in Educator Portal. You can access the training as often or as little as you need, and it will help users gain a better understanding of their roles.

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## Forward Exam

### New:

#### Forward Exam 2024 DAC Training

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) invite District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) and up to three assessment staff members (e.g., School Assessment Coordinator, Assistant to DAC) to attend an **in-person training** event for the spring 2024 Forward Exam. Identical trainings will be held in different locations across the state November 6-10 and run from 9:00 am to noon each day. An email with registration information will be sent to all DACs on September 14. Registration must be completed no later than **October 20**.

The in-person training will include:

- 2024 Updates:
  - New English language arts (ELA) test design
  - New Practice Tests
  - Accessibility feature changes
  - New Individual Student Report (ISR) design
  - Student Test Portal layout
- Accessibility
- Staff and Student preparation
- Using the DRC INSIGHT Portal



- Test Administration
- Reporting

## Reminders:

### Forward Exam Individual Student Reports

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) were made available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal on June 16 and hard copy ISRs were delivered to districts by July 14. If you have not yet sent ISRs to parents/guardians (either in hard copy or via your secure parent portal) please send those out as soon as possible.

### Updated Accessibility Guide

The 2023-24 Accessibility Guide is now available on the [Forward Exam Accommodations and Supports webpage](#). There have been some significant updates to the Accessibility Guide for 2023-24 which include Text-to-Speech (TTS), Stacked Translation (Spanish), Closed Caption, Listening Script, and Magnifier Tool. There have also been some minor updates throughout the guide. Please ensure ALL staff are made aware of and review the updated Accessibility Guide for the 2024 test administration. Questions may be directed to [Alison O'Hara](#) or [Jennifer Teasdale](#).

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## 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.

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## Reading Readiness

### Reminder:

For detailed information about requirements for screening go to the [Assessment of Reading Readiness Overview webpage](#).

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## Annual DAC and DTC Contact Information Update Forms

### Reminder:

The 2023-24 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and District Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) Update forms](#) must be submitted to DPI by **October 6**. These forms are required for both new and returning DACs and DTCs. See the [September 6 DAC Digest](#) for more details.

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## 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
<a href="#">How to use DLM Score Reports</a>	A new video training on interpreting and using Score Reports.	DLM
<a href="#">Fall District Training</a>	Self-guided training on roles within Educator Portal.	DLM
<a href="#">Accessibility Guide</a>	Complete list of the Forward Exam Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations.	Forward
<a href="#">Accessibility Supports Guide</a>	Guide to allowable accommodations and EL supports for the ACT.	ACT

## Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
September 11	Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) opens	ACT
September 29	Private School roster upload window opens	ACCESS
October 20	Deadline to register for in-person DAC Training	Forward



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