



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

September 14, 2022

Assessment

New:

Annual DAC and DTC Contact Information Update Forms

The 2022-23 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and District Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) Update forms](#) should be submitted now. Districts must submit the forms **by October 7** 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. 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 2022-23 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.
- The District Administrator must sign the form.
- If DAC contact changes occur after form submission a new form should be submitted to name a new or interim DAC.

ACT

Reminder:

ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations Portal (TAA) Opening

Schools can begin to enter 2023 ACT accommodation and support requests into the ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal beginning September 12. Please see the [DPI ACT Accommodations and Supports webpage](#) for additional resources, including the ACT 2023 Accessibility Guide.



PreACT Secure

Reminder:

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

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminders:

WIDA Screener

The training for the WIDA Screeners is available in the [WIDA Secure Portal](#), along with the paper components for grades K-3. Staff must recertify annually before administering these assessments. The training for scoring Writing and Speaking is the same for the Screener and the paper ACCESS tests, so staff only need to complete it once per year. Please see our [EL Policy Handbook](#) for a comprehensive overview of identifying new ELs in your district.

Non-Public Student Rostering for ACCESS

The WIDA AMS will open for non-public roster uploads on September 26. However, due to more non-public schools opting to submit enrollment data to DPI, a preliminary roster (Pre-ID) with all students reported to the state will be uploaded on October 13. This and future uploads will update demographics and add new students but will not delete existing students.

Choice and private schools opting into the school-wide report card will be loaded at this time, and after October 13 districts may upload any remaining non-public rosters and may also set the 'Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Tester' flag in Demographics to automatically order Alt-ACCESS for students who need this assessment.

A final roster with all students reported to the state will be uploaded on October 26 and will be reflective of changes since the preliminary roster was uploaded. Material orders will be based on all students rostered into the WIDA AMS at this point in time.

DLM

New:

User Accounts

User accounts allow access to secure student information and needs to be reviewed every year to protect student data. As you are creating new user accounts, review and confirm users continue to require access for the current school year. If an individual no longer requires access to Educator Portal, please deactivate their account. Contact [Mike Peacy](#) if you need assistance removing access to the portal.

Dynamic Learning Maps Training Site

The DLM training is now available for all teachers through the [DLM Training Site](#). Please encourage teachers to complete their training as soon as possible.

Instruction and Assessment Planner

The Instruction and Assessment Planner, a tool used to teach and assess individual Essential Elements, is now open. More information on how to use the Instruction and Assessment Planner as a teaching tool as well as an assessment tool please contact [Mike Peacy](#) or [Iris Jacobson](#).

Reminders:

Fall District Training

DLM provides a [Fall District Training](#) to help answer questions districts may have in regard to the DLM. They will also hold a live Q&A session on September 29 from 2:00-2:30 pm. A registration link is available at the end of the training.

See the [DLM webpage](#) for calendar dates, information, and resources.

Forward Exam

Reminder:

See the [Forward Exam webpage](#) for calendar dates, information, and resources.

NAEP and International Assessments

New:

NAEP Long-Term Trend Pre-Assessment Tasks

Schools in the NAEP Long-Term Trend (LTT) age 13 assessment will be contacted soon by NAEP field staff representatives to begin next-step preparations for assessments. Schools can review the next steps on their MyNAEP pages under the *Prepare for Assessment* tab.

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for grade levels and content areas assessed, dates, additional information, and resources.

Reading Readiness

Reminder:

See the calendar dates, information, and resources for the [Assessment of Reading Readiness Overview](#)..

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 |
|---|---|------------|
| Accessibility Manual | Provides guidance on selection and use of accessibility features. | DLM |
| Assessment Coordinator Manual | Supports districts and building staff to prepare for and monitor assessments. | DLM |
| Educator Portal User Guide | Provides guidance and support for users navigating Educator Portal. | DLM |
| Educator Resource Videos | Videos providing information about assessment format, accessibility, and KITE Educator Portal procedures. | DLM |

Important Dates to Remember

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

| Date | Event | Assessment |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------|
| September 14 | DLM training site is open | DLM |
| September 26 | WIDA AMS open for non-public Pre-ID upload | ACCESS |
| September 29 | Q&A Webinar Session | DLM |
| October 3 - November 25 | Program for International Student Assessment window (for selected schools only) | PISA (International) |
| October 10 - December 16 | NAEP Long-Term Trend age 13 assessment window (for selected schools only) | NAEP |
| October 13 | Preliminary Pre-ID upload including non-public enrollment submitted to WISEdata | ACCESS |
| October 26 | Final Pre-ID upload including non-public enrollment submitted to WISEdata. | ACCESS |



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