OEA Office Hours Webinar

The first webinar of the 2020-21 school year will be pre-recorded and will be released on the DAC Resources and Trainings webpage and via the DAC Digest the week of September 21.

ACCESS for ELLs

New:

Non-public Pre-ID upload window runs September 28 through November 2. You may give non-public schools the ability to upload their own roster, or you may work out a system for them to give you the roster to be uploaded. DPI will upload the public school roster on November 2. Please have your SIS up-to-date by October 28.

ACT with writing

New:

For districts considering ACT online testing this year, please review the following resources:

- Technical Requirements for the ACT Online
- Technical Guide for Online Test Administration
- ACT Taken Online or On Paper - Differences between online and paper testing

Training Opportunities

2021 training dates have been posted to the DPI ACT Trainings webpage. Registration links will be available in the near future.

Reminders:

Resources

2020-21 Schedule of Events, administration manuals, additional training opportunities and resources will be available in October. Current available resources and the 2021 ACT Calendar, can be found on DPI ACT webpages.

ACT Spring Assessment Data

The 2019-20 ACT Statewide (11th Grade) data is available in **WISEdash for Districts**. Please note, these data does not include 2019-20 11th grade students who tested with vouchers during the summer and fall

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ACT National test dates. There has not been an ACT statewide data press release this year because not all Wisconsin students were able to test last spring. Please exercise caution when using these data as it has not been redacted.

The most recent information on dashboards can be found here: About the Data.

The data in the WISEdash secure portal contain personally identifiable student information. Data security requirements as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state law must be met before the results are shared.

ACT Aspire

New:
2021 Aspire Resources and Portals
- The **Pearson Access Next** is the administrative portal/web system which school test coordinators and district assessment coordinators (DAC) manage Aspire testing - opens January 25, 2021.
- The ACT Aspire Schedule of Events is available in October.
- The 2020-21 administration manuals, additional trainings and resources will be available in December. Current available resources and the 2021 ACT Aspire Calendar, can be found on DPI ACT Aspire webpages.

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2021 training dates have been posted to the DPI ACT Aspire Trainings webpage. Registration links will be available in the near future.

DLM

New:
New Data Extract Tool
A new and improved Data Extract tool has been created by DLM to help educators determine if students are ready to test. The new Data Extract combines the Student Roster and First Contact Survey Status Extract into one page and shows if a student is rostered and if their First Contact Survey is complete. The data extract can be found on Educator Portal under the Reports Tab. If you have any questions on anything DLM related please contact Mike Peacy.

Reminder:
- Moodle training is now available for all teachers.
- Please work on cleaning up users so only those who need access to student data have access.
- The Instruction and Assessment planner, a tool used to teach and assess individual Essential Elements, opened on September 14.

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam Practice Tests:
There are several practice test options available for student use prior to the Forward Exam. These practice tests are available year round and provide students the opportunity to become familiar with the Forward Exam and its different components. All students should be given the opportunity to use the practice tests prior to actual testing. Students may perform better and with less anxiety if they are familiar with the format of the test and with the types of questions they will be required to answer. The practice tests are not scored and are not intended to determine how students will perform on the Forward Exam.

Reading Readiness

Reminders:

2020-21 School Year
Districts will be required to assess for Reading Readiness all four-year-old kindergarten through second grade students at least once during the 2020-21 school year. More information about the requirements can be found at: Assessment of Reading Readiness.

Annual DAC/DTC Update Forms

Annual District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) and District Technology Coordinator (DTC) update forms, are due September 30 to ensure access to vendor portals and email communication from OEA.

Important Dates to Remember		
September	28: Private School Pre-ID Upload Window Opens	ACCESS
	30: Annual DAC/DTC Update Form Due	N/A

New Online Resource Highlights		
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Resource	**Description**	**Assessment**
Assessment Strategies to Inform Instruction in 2020-21	Provides considerations for district and school leaders to use in identifying initial student needs and monitoring ongoing student learning from an equity lens.	N/A

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Accessibility Guide	Provides information for classroom teachers, English development educators, special education teachers, and related services personnel as they select and administer universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations for those students who need them.	Forward
Wisconsin Forward Exam Technology Requirements	Provides information about what is new and changing for the upcoming 2020-21 administration.	Forward
EL Data in WISEdash	Guide to accessing EL data in WISEdash for Districts, including ACCESS results, SGPs, and the on-track-to-proficiency measure.	ACCESS

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