



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

September 16, 2025

Accountability

New:

2024-25 Report Cards Preliminary Secure Release

OEA staff are preparing for the preliminary secure release of 2024-25 school and district report cards.

The secure release of preliminary report cards is planned for early October. The release will open an inquiry period in which schools and districts can work with OEA to address possible data submission errors. As always, preliminary secure report cards will be available in SAFE, the Secure Access File Exchange. Please make sure you have [access to SAFE](#) prior to the secure release.

Final secure and public releases of the report cards are planned for November. More information will be included in next week's DAC Digest. As a reminder, school and district report cards are required annually under [state law](#). If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

Assessment

New:

2024-25 Assessment Data Public Release -September 25

Thank you to all of our districts for your hard work in administering the spring 2024-25 statewide assessments. We appreciate your dedication to ensuring test participation. An update was included in the [EdLeaders Dispatch](#) sent to District Administrators today, Tuesday September 16 announcing the public release of spring 2024-25 statewide assessment results for the Forward Exam, ACT, PreACT Secure, and DLM on September 25. A press release will be available on the DPI News Releases webpage and performance data from these assessments will be available in the [WISEdash public portal](#) on that day.

Several resources including the Assessment Data Release Parent Letter Template, the Assessment Data Release Talking Points, and additional resources will be available for each assessment on the [Office of Educational Accountability website](#). If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Educational Accountability at dpioemail@dpi.wi.gov.



Reminder:**Annual DAC and DTC Contact Information Update Forms**

The 2025-26 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and District Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) Update forms](#) must be submitted by September 30 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. See the [August 15 DAC Digest](#) for more information. This is not to be confused with the *DAC Confidentiality Form, which is required closer to the testing windows.*

WIDA ACCESS

New:**Preliminary Public School Roster Upload**

On October 9, DPI will upload a preliminary roster for the 2025-26 ACCESS administration. This will reflect the EL statuses pushed to WISEdata from your SIS on the night of October 7. Please ensure that students' EL statuses are up-to-date and being synched to WISEdata prior to that time.

After the preliminary roster is uploaded, you'll have approximately two weeks to identify any missing students and correct their EL statuses before we do a final roster upload.

Reminder:**Non-Public Pre-ID Roster Upload**

On September 26, DRC will refresh the WIDA AMS/DRC Insight portal with new DAC accounts and changes to schools and districts. At this time the non-public roster upload window will open. Most Choice participants will be included in the public school upload, so this window is just for non-Choice private schools who do not submit enrollment records to DPI.

ACT

Reminder:**2026 Accessibility Supports Guide**

The 2026 ACT Accessibility Supports Guide (ASG) has now been posted to the [Wisconsin ACT State website](#). Testing staff should review this document thoroughly each year, as updates are made annually. A summary of changes to the ASG will be posted to the website within the next few weeks. Schools can now enter accommodation and support requests into the ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal. 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. Additional resources and training opportunities will be available this fall.



PreACT Secure

Reminder:

2026 Accessibility Supports Guide

The 2026 PreACT Secure Accessibility Supports Guide has now been posted to the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure State website](#). Testing staff should review this document thoroughly each year, as updates are made annually. Schools will begin entering accommodations into PearsonAccess^{next} in February 2026. Additional resources and training opportunities will be available this fall.

DLM

New:

User Accounts and Rosters

District Assessment Coordinators can begin updating user accounts and assigning students to rosters. Assuring teachers have their user accounts and students rostered to them is a crucial part of using various options with the DLM. Teachers with students rostered to them are able to access student score reports, begin their training and use the Instruction and Assessment Planner. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Mike Peacy](#).

DLM Test Administrator Facilitated Training

This year DPI is offering a virtual DLM New Test Administrator Facilitated Training. The training will be held (virtually) on September 30 from 3-6 pm. To register for this training, please fill out the [Google Form](#). You will be sent a Microsoft Teams meeting link prior to September 30 to join the training. Please make sure your device can access Microsoft Teams. If you have any questions, please contact [Mike Peacy](#).

NOTE: You will need a laptop or computer in order to access the training. (Chromebooks are not recommended).

Instruction and Assessment Planner

The Instruction and Assessment Planner, a tool used to teach and assess individual Essential Elements, is now open. Teachers can use the Instruction and Assessment Planner as a tool to guide instruction for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The Instructional Planner can be accessed through Educator Portal as long as user accounts for teachers are updated and rosters have been created. If you have any questions, please contact [Mike Peacy](#).

Reminders:

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Resources are Available

Test Coordinator Checklists, Test Administrator Checklists, and DLM Parent Informational Brochures are now available on the [DLM Resources webpage](#). If you have any questions regarding the DLM Resources, please contact [Mike Peacy](#).

DLM Score Reports

The DLM Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports are electronically available to districts in the Educator Portal. Please share ISRs with parents/guardians as soon as possible.

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam Calendar

The 2025-26 key dates and deadlines are now available on the [Forward Exam Calendar webpage](#). Dates may be subject to change, so be sure to refer to this webpage throughout the year for most current dates.

NAEP and International Assessments

Reminder:

NAEP 2026 Technology Surveys

The mathematics and reading assessments will be administered on NAEP-provided devices *or* on school devices. Technology surveys, which are available in the [NAEP AMS](#), will help determine which device-mode each school will use. Please note that some schools that are eligible to use school devices may still be designated to use NAEP devices. DACs may choose to designate a District Technology Coordinator to complete the surveys for their schools by emailing their contact information to [Angela Dugas](#). **Technology surveys need to be completed by September 19. Angela will send reminder emails to districts that have not completed the surveys this week.** Surveys are not necessary for schools participating in the civics and U.S. history assessments, as they will be administered on NAEP devices.

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for information and resources. Please contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions.

Reading Readiness – Early Literacy Assessment

New:

New Training Webinar Posted: Empowering Individualized Student Decisions through Data Analysis

The [Empowering Individualized Student Decisions through Data Analysis webinar recording](#) has been posted online for on-demand playback. The [Overview for Administrators](#) and [Optimizing Classroom Decisions through Data-Driven Insights](#) webinars are also available for on-demand viewing.



Updated Act 20 aimswebPlus Rostering Guide Posted

An updated version of the [Wisconsin Act 20 aimswebPlus Rostering Guide](#) has been posted online. Changes are outlined in Appendix A and include the addition of field mapping for rostering between WISEdata and aimswebPlus as well as new information in the Enabling WISEdata Nightly Sync section.

New Guide for Understanding Student Percentile Changes for Families

A new document has been posted online titled [What Does a Change in a Student’s Percentile Mean? How Updated Norms Impact Risk Status in Wisconsin](#). This guide is meant to be shared with families to help understand what changes in their student’s percentile on Act 20 screeners may mean from year to year.

Reminders:

Rostering in aimswebPlus for 2025-26

Thank you for working diligently to ensure data shared in WISEdata and third party tools are rostered and ready for administration of the Act 20 measures. For technical support, please reach out to one of the below resources:

- [WISE Help Desk](#) (608) 267-9115
 - Loading rostering data from a Student Information System (SIS) to WISEdata
 - Viewing rostering data in WISEdata
- [Pearson aimswebPlus/Customer Support](#) (866) 313-6194, option 2
 - Viewing rostering data in aimswebPlus
 - Loading staff and class data from a third party source
 - Viewing and exporting score results in aimswebPlus

Act 20 Braille Administration and Scoring Guide and Transcriber’s Notes Posted Online

For districts administering Act 20 aimswebPlus measures, a braille administration and scoring guide as well as braille transcriber’s notes have been posted to the WI aimswebPlus website in the Accessibility and Accommodations section. As a reminder, braille forms can also be ordered for fall 2025 using this form. Materials for winter and spring will be available as we approach the start of those admins.

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
Preparing for ACCESS Testing	Resources to prep for ACCESS Testing	ACCESS

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Accessibility Supports Guide	ACT 2025-26 Accessibility Supports Guide	ACT
Accessibility Supports Guide	PreACT Secure 2025-26 Accessibility Supports Guide	PreACT Secure
NAEP Facts for Districts	Overview of NAEP 2026	NAEP
Early Literacy Administration and Scoring Manual	Assessment administration and scoring guidance.	aimswebPlus
Reading Administration and Scoring Manual	Assessment administration and scoring guidance.	aimswebPlus
Testing Best Practices	General testing guidelines.	aimswebPlus

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
September 19	Deadline for districts to complete school technology surveys for schools participating in NAEP reading and mathematics.	NAEP
September 26	New DACs added to WIDA AMS, Non-public Roster Upload opens.	ACCESS
September 30	DAC Update Forms due to DPI.	ALL
October 9	Preliminary ACCESS roster uploaded to WIDA AMS.	ACCESS
October 23	Final ACCESS roster uploaded to WIDA AMS Materials orders and labels generated.	ACCESS
October 30	WIDA AMS Test Setup available.	ACCESS



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