



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

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Accountability

New:

2023-24 Report Cards Preliminary Secure Release

OEA staff are preparing for the preliminary secure release of 2023-24 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

Reminder:

Assessment Professional Learning and Coaching Series 2024-25: Now Enrolling Districts

The Office of Educational Accountability and CESAs are offering a free Assessment Professional Development and Coaching Series to increase teacher and leader capacity in understanding how to create and use different types of classroom assessments. Visit the [Strategic Assessment Professional Learning webpage](#) to learn more.

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminder:

ACCESS Rostering

The WIDA AMS will be open for uploading non-public school Pre-ID files starting September 27. This is only required for schools not pushing enrollment data to WISEdata.

On October 10, DPI will upload the statewide roster containing all ELs reported to DPI via WISEdata. On October 24, DPI will upload a final statewide roster for ACCESS.

These roster uploads will reflect what was pushed from your SIS to WISEdata 2-3 days earlier. Once the preliminary roster is uploaded, please review it, make any necessary changes in your SIS, and create Pre-ID files for any non-public schools which weren't reporting enrollment data, but which still need to test.

At the end of the day on October 24, material orders will be generated, including labels.

ACT

New:

TAA is Open - Enter Accommodation Requests

The ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal is now open, and schools can begin entering accommodation requests. The Accessibility Supports Guide, and all resources needed to enter accommodation requests, can be found on the [Wisconsin ACT Website -Step 3](#). As a reminder, TAA is accessed through [Success.ACT](#) and staff who do not currently have access to Success or TAA can obtain access through their DAC.

Deadline - ACT PLD Workshop Opportunity

Friday, September 20th is the last day to apply as a participant for the ACT Performance Level Descriptor (PLD) Workshop. This is a two-day event that will be held November 13-14. For more information and steps to apply, visit the [ACT Educator Involvement Opportunities webpage](#).

PreACT Secure

Reminder:

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

DLM

Reminder:

Instruction and Assessment Planner

Please visit the [DLM Website](#) for DLM information, resources and dates.

Forward Exam

New:

Technology System Requirements

DACs and DTCs should review the hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2024-25 administration to ensure student devices meet the minimum requirements for testing. Updated

2025 technology system requirements for student testing devices are available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#).

Middle School Mathematics Session Change

Based on feedback from the After Testing Survey, the grades 6-8 calculator session has been split into two separate sessions beginning with the 2025 administration. This means the middle school Forward Exam mathematics exam will now be three sessions in total for grades 6-8. This change should make the mathematics sessions easier for schools to schedule and students to complete within a class period. The testing time has not changed for these grades. 2025 Testing Times are available on the [Forward Exam Resources webpage](#).

Reminders:

Forward Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

Hard copy ISRs were shipped to districts on August 27. Schools should send ISRs out to parents/guardians as soon as possible, either in hard copy or via your secure parent portal. Note that simply sharing assessment scores via the parent portal is not sufficient, the entire report should be shared as the ISR contains information useful to parents. Additional reporting resources are available on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#).

Forward Exam Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

The updated English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics PLDs are now available on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#). PLDs show the progression of grade-level knowledge and skills expected across the performance levels of Developing, Approaching, Meeting, and Advanced, based on the Wisconsin Academic Standards.

NAEP and International Assessments

(for schools selected to participate in 2023-24 and 2024-25 assessments only)

New:

Updates for Each NAEP Assessment

Each of the four different NAEP assessments this year have different timelines and different tasks for schools to complete. DACs can review previous notification emails from [Angela Dugas](#) to confirm which of their schools are in each assessment. This information is also available in the NAEP Assessment Management System ([NAEP AMS](#)). DACs with schools in the Field Tests should already be registered; DACs with schools in the Long-Term Trend (LTT) assessments may want to register as well. If you have not already registered and would like to, please contact [Angela Dugas](#) for a registration link.

Here's a summary of where we are in each of the NAEP assessment programs:

NAEP Assessment	Test Window	Task Summary
LTT age 13	October 7 - December 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School principals are registered on the NAEP AMS and have designated School Coordinators. Schools have completed the <i>School Characteristics</i> section on the AMS. Schools submit their student lists by September 20.
LTT age 9	January 6 - March 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals have been notified of their selection to participate; more information about designating a School Coordinator and next steps will be emailed later this fall.
LTT age 17	March 17 - May 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals have been notified of their selection to participate; more information about designating a School Coordinator and next steps will be emailed later this fall.
Field Test (grades 4, 8, and 12)	January 27 - March 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 is complete: Districts have submitted technology surveys for their schools. In October, districts will be notified which of the schools from phase 1 will be selected for phase 2 (which is the assessment), and then schools will be notified of their selection.

Reminders:

NAEP 2024 High School Transcript Study (HSTS) Phase 2

Schools participating in the NAEP 2024 HSTS should submit their transcripts through the [NAEP Assessment Management System \(NAEP AMS\)](#) or through a hard-copy collection by the **end of September**. Questions about the study can be directed to naephsts@westat.com.

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for information and resources. Contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions. For help with the [NAEP AMS](#), contact the NAEP Help Desk at NAEPHelp@westat.com or (800) 283-6237.

Reading Readiness – Early Literacy Assessment

New:

WISEdata One-Time Student Rostering for the Early Literacy Screener

For districts that have not yet rostered their students for the optional fall administration of the aimswebPlus early literacy screener, WISEdata will perform a one-time upload of students via the API to

the aimswebPlus portal. Student data will be pulled from WISEdata the morning of September 19. For more information please refer to the rostering instructions provided in the [September 13 email regarding the Early Literacy Screener WISEdata Student Rostering](#) that was sent to WISEdata Coordinator.

New Information on the WI aimswebPlus Website:

New information is continually being added to the [aimswebPlus Wisconsin website](#):

- Now available: Additional FAQs have been added to the Access and Rostering sections of the webpage.
- Coming soon: Printing Requirements Documentation.
- Coming soon: Spanish Assessment Matrix.

Upcoming Training

Registration is open for the [Overview Webinar for Administrators](#) on September 23, 8 am CT. During this training Administrators will learn more about the aimswebPlus literacy assessments, management responsibilities, and how these align with Act 20.

Reminder:

Contact Information

Questions about the aimswebPlus literacy screener, personal reading plans, and district early literacy remediation plans should be sent to early.reading@dpi.wi.gov. Visit the [WI reads webpage](#) or the [ACT 20 Early literacy webpage](#) for more information.

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
System Requirements	Hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2024-25 administration.	Forward
2025 Test Times	Suggested testing times to be used only as guidance to assist with scheduling.	Forward
Performance Level Descriptors	Forward Exam Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs).	Forward

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	WISEdata One-Time Student Rostering for the Early Literacy Screener	aimswEBPlus
September 20	NAEP LTT age 13 student list submission due (<i>selected schools only</i>)	NAEP
September 23	Overview Webinar for Administrators	aimswEBPlus
September 27	Private School Pre-ID Upload Window opens	ACCESS
September 30	NAEP 2024 High School Transcript Study (HSTS) Phase 2 due (<i>selected schools only</i>)	NAEP
October 7	Annual DAC and DTC Update forms must be submitted	All
October 7 - December 13	NAEP LTT age 13 test window (<i>selected schools only</i>)	NAEP
October 10	Preliminary Statewide Pre-ID Roster upload	ACCESS
October 24	Final Statewide Pre-ID Roster upload	ACCESS



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