

# DAC Digest

## September 23, 2015

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### NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have begun our conversations with DRC who will be providing our new Wisconsin Forward Exam. As we move ahead, we will update our webpages and send links for you through this weekly digest.

A few other important notes to consider:

- Each year we have new DAC's who may not be familiar with their role. We have many resources, but the best place is to start here <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dacnew> .
- As you read these updates, please consider which sections may be relevant to others and route the information to them. We are working on a clearer system to help you do that. Look for more in the future.
- Every time we get a new assessment, it is not long before vendors start hawking products which use the name of our test. I'm sure you will start seeing materials which claim to be linked to the Wisconsin Forward Exam. Know that these have no connection to us and we don't promote them.
- Don't forget the Tea with Troy Webinar on September 30 from 3:00-4:00. I'll be available to answer questions and dialogue with all of you. An email invite with the necessary link/call-in information will be forthcoming.

~Troy

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### WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

#### ACT High School Assessments

The [DPI ACT High School web page](#) is updated with information such as test times, checklist of dates, sample items, data & results etc.

#### ACT Aspire

Information regarding the ACT ASPIRE technology update is available in the [DPI ACT High School Resources Technology web page](#).

#### ACT plus Writing and WorkKeys

- The Establishment Process begins on Monday, October 12, 2015 and closes on Friday, October 23, 2015. This is the way in which the Test Coordinator (TC) provides their school's information to ACT in order to participate in the ACT testing program.

- ACT will be sending out emails on October 8th and 12th about establishment. The emails will cover topics such as establishment materials posted online, and the establishment window opening.

### ACCESS for ELLs

- WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS) **login information was emailed out** on Monday, September 21. If you did not receive an email from the WIDA AMS, please contact [Jesse Roberts](#).
  - You may now **add** district and school staff to the WIDA AMS who will be administering the ACCESS for ELLs this year.
    - Manage Users > Add Single User or Upload Multiple Users (.csv)
    - Once added, the WIDA AMS will immediately email users with login information.
    - **Please contact users in your district prior to adding them to let them know to expect this email.**
- **REMINDER:** Training modules will be hosted on the [WIDA.us](#) website, and district staff will need a login there to access these materials. These trainings are listed under My Account and Secure Portal once logged into the WIDA website.
- **REMINDER:** Testing software will be released on October 5th via the WIDA AMS. Please encourage your Technology Coordinators to schedule time to test the software in their school during October.
- **NEW:** Test ordering will occur October 1st-31st via the WIDA AMS.

### PALS

- Fall Administration Window for Grades 1-2 is **NOW OPEN**
  - September 14 – October 9, 2015: Grades 1-2 screening window
    - October 23, 2015: score entry deadline
  - October 12 – November 6, 2015: Grades 4K-5K screening window
    - November 20, 2015: score entry deadline
- **REMINDER:** Student Data Upload
  - DACs will be responsible for uploading student data into the PALS Online Score Entry and Reporting System, as there will not be a statewide upload of data.
  - Information on the steps required to perform this upload can be found [HERE](#).
- **REMINDER:** 1st and 2nd Grade Administration Requirements
  - New for the 2015-16 school year, first and second grade teachers will be able to stop administration of the screener after obtaining the Entry Level Summed Score.
    - More information on this option can be found on the [PALS Wisconsin Webpage](#) in the “Important Information” sidebar (see: DPI Requirements for Grades 1 and 2).
- **NEW:** PALS Wisconsin Symposium
  - The PALS Wisconsin Symposium is a free, day-long training session for districts on how to use PALS data to drive instruction. Two sessions are planned for the 2015-16 school year.
    - Wisconsin Dells: November 2, 2015
    - Green Bay: November 4, 2015
  - Information on how to register for the symposium can be found at: [PALS Symposium](#).

- Please forward this information to principals, literacy coordinators, reading specialists, and teachers in your district who may be interested in attending.
- **NEW:** PALS Data in WISEdash for Districts
  - PALS screening data from the 2014-15 school year is now available in WISEdash for Districts.

## NAEP

- The NAEP 2016 Grade 12 tablet-based Writing assessment has been canceled due to federal budget constraints. The NAEP State Coordinator, Angela Dugas, contacted principals in high schools selected to participate in this assessment. She also followed up with an email to DACs.
- **REMINDER:** In the next week principals (only at schools selected for NAEP 2016) will receive a packet of information about NAEP pre-assessment tasks.
  - Principals will be asked to designate a NAEP School Coordinator and share the packet with them.
  - The packet will include a reminder of the school's test date, sample parent notification letters, deadlines for pre-assessment tasks, and login information for MyNAEP ([www.mynaep.com](http://www.mynaep.com)) the secure web page where tasks are completed.
  - Once the packets are mailed to principals, DACs (only those with schools participating in NAEP 2016) will receive an email with the same information as well as their own unique district login information for MyNAEP.
- Upcoming deadlines for NAEP 2016 pre-assessment activities are in the packet, posted on MyNAEP, and on the OSA webpage (<http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/NAEP>). They include:
  - ASAP: Principals designate a NAEP School Coordinator
  - ASAP: NAEP School Coordinators register on MyNAEP
  - October 15: Schools complete the *Provide School Information* form on MyNAEP
  - October 31: Schools submit student list "e-file" on MyNAEP

## DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES (Dates/tasks that are newly added this week are in **bold**)

Important Dates to Remember		
September	14 - Oct. 9: Grades 1 and 2 Fall PALS screening window - <b>NOW OPEN</b>	PALS
	21: DAC notifies <a href="#">Jesse Roberts</a> if WIDA AMS log in information not received	ACCESS 2.0
	30: TOMS Portal closes; Tea w/Troy "Office Hours" Webinar (3:00-4:00)	General
October	5: ACCESS for ELLs software released - DRC Insight Secure Browser, DRC Testing Site Manager (TSM)	ACCESS 2.0
	6: ACCESS for ELLs ordering window opens (via WIDA AMS)	ACCESS 2.0
	<b>week of the 12th: ACT Accommodation trainings become available</b>	<b>ACT</b>
	<b>12-23: Window for test coordinator (TC) to submit establishment information to ACT</b>	<b>ACT</b>
	12 - Nov. 6: Grades 4K and 5K Fall PALS screening window	PALS

	<b>15: Schools participating in NAEP complete the <i>Provide School Information</i> form on MyNAEP</b>	<b>NAEP</b>
	<b>16: Registration deadline for PALS Symposium</b>	<b>PALS</b>
	23: Grades 1 and 2 PALS score entry deadlines	PALS
	26-30: ISES closed for data validation	General
	30: ACCESS for ELLs ordering window closes	ACCESS 2.0
	<b>31: Schools participating in NAEP submit their student list “e-file” on MyNAEP</b>	<b>NAEP</b>
November	2-25: ISES Data Correction Window	General
	<b>4: ACT Accommodations Q&amp;A session - 1</b> <i>(more info to come)</i>	<b>ACT</b>
	<b>10: ACT Accommodations Q&amp;A session - 2</b> <i>(more info to come)</i>	<b>ACT</b>
	12: ACCESS for ELLs PreID file generated by DPI from ISES - all EL info must be up to date	ACCESS 2.0
	20: Grades 4K and 5K PALS score entry deadline	PALS
	<b>20: Deadline to submit requests for ACT-approved accommodations</b> <i>(more info to come)</i>	<b>ACT</b>
	23: ACCESS for ELLs Test Setup opens	ACCESS 2.0
December	5: ACCESS for ELLs Testing Window opens	ACCESS 2.0

Important Tasks to Remember		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Badger Exam IPRs and ACT Aspire ISRs to be sent home at schools’/districts’ earliest convenience (sample parent letters available on website per 9/9 DAC Digest)	Reporting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activate DLM user accounts in Educator Portal at least one week prior to needing access to required Test Administration training on Moodle	DLM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upload student data into the PALS Online Score Entry and Reporting System <i>(Information on the steps required to perform this upload can be found <a href="#">HERE</a>)</i>	PALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add district/school staff who will be administering the ACCESS for ELLs this year to WIDA AMS <i>(see above)</i>	ACCESS 2.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit <a href="http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dacnew">http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dacnew</a> for general information re: the DAC role	General
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify relevant colleagues to whom DAC Digest information should be forwarded	General
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check out <a href="#">PALS Symposium</a> information	PALS