



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

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Assessment

New:

2021-22 Assessment Data Public Release

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) publicly released statewide assessment results for the spring 2022 Forward Exam, ACT, ASPIRE, and DLM today, Thursday, September 29. A press release is available on the [DPI News Releases webpage](#) and performance data from these assessments is available in the WISEdash public portal. Additional assessment data resources are available on the [DAC Resources webpage](#).

Accountability

New:

2021-22 Report Cards Preliminary Secure Release - October 4

Deputy State Superintendent John Johnson sent an [email to District Administrators](#) on Tuesday announcing that **next week, October 4, DPI will release the secure preliminary versions of the 2021-22 School and District Report Cards**. As in prior years, the preliminary report cards will be released via [SAFE](#), the Secure Access File Exchange. Please make sure you have [access to SAFE](#) prior to the secure release.

As a secure report, they contain potentially identifiable student information, and have not been redacted. As such, and because the report cards are preliminary and subject to change, **the secure reports and any information on the preliminary report cards may not be shared** with your local media, parents, or members of the community.

The secure release opens the [report card inquiry period](#), which will take place between October 4-17. This window is an opportunity for schools and districts to work with OEA to address possible data submission errors.

Report Card Resources

In preparation for next week's secure release, we have posted [report card resources](#) to guide your review of the preliminary report cards and assist with local report card interpretation and messaging. These three resources are particularly helpful to inform initial review as part of the inquiry period:



- What's New document, outlining the updates to the report cards.
- Secure Release Checklist, which can be used when reviewing preliminary report cards.
- Guide to Correctable Data document, outlining which accountability data may be corrected through opening an inquiry.

OEA will continue to update our resources page as we move towards the preliminary secure report card release, as well as the final secure and public releases planned for November. If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

DAC Update:

Reminder:

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.
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ACCESS for ELLs

New:

Data Quality Check

To ensure that all of your ELs will be included in October's roster generation, please check that your SIS is up-to-date, students have the correct ELP codes and demographics, and that these data are being pushed to WISEdata. You may double-check what is being pushed to WISEdata in WISEdash for Districts under Topics > Enrollment. Grouping or filtering by EL status will show which students will be included on the ACCESS roster. WISEdash for Districts is updated nightly.

Please also check that WISEdata Portal is free from ELP-related errors and warnings. The Long Text in WISEdata Portal generally explains in detail what the issue is and how to fix it.

Reminder:

Training for ACCESS

The training for ACCESS and Alt-ACCESS is available in the WIDA Secure Portal. Ensure that staff involved in administering the tests have accounts, and you may monitor training completion using the top right menu under Manage > Certification Report.

ACT

New:

2023 PAnext Portal

The 2023 [ACT PearsonAccessNext \(PAnext\) portal](#) will open on November 7. DACs will receive access to the portal, along with instructions on how to set up testing staff within PAnext and select an ACT testing date, at that time.

ACT Accommodation Office Hours

The Test Accessibility and Accommodation System (TAA) opened for the spring 2023 ACT assessment on September 12. ACT will hold Accommodation Office Hours again this year to provide the field with an opportunity to speak and ask questions directly with an ACT Accommodation Specialist. Visit the [ACT Accommodation Office Hours registration link](#) to register for these upcoming events.

PreACT Secure

New:

2023 Test Window Update

PreACT Secure will now be administered in a single test window from March 20 to April 28, 2023. Testing under one window allows districts and schools more flexibility to choose a testing schedule that works for them without added administrative tasks. Students must still complete the assessment as a single battery in one sitting (like the ACT), unless they have accommodation needs for multi-day testing.

DLM

Reminder:

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

Reminder:

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 29	Q&A Webinar Session	DLM
October 3 - November 25	Program for International Student Assessment window (for selected schools only)	PISA (International)
October 4	Preliminary Secure Report Cards available in SAFE. For more information, see OEA's Report Card Resources	Report Cards
October 7	Annual DAC and DTC update forms due to OEA	ALL
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
November 1	WIDA AMS Open for Test Setup	ACCESS
November 7	2023 PearsonAccess ^{Next} Portal (PAnext) opens	ACT



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