WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

ACT with writing
New:
Online Testing
There is no remote proctoring of the ACT. All paper and online testing must be administered in-person. If you haven't already done so, complete site readiness activities with your technical coordinator. Resources and training tutorials for all site readiness activities are located on the [Wisconsin ACT Website, Step 2-Configuration](#)**.**

Newly Enrolled Students
ACT will automatically send testing materials and barcode labels for all students who were listed on your roster by the January 21 deadline. To enroll students after January 21, follow the steps outlined under the **Add or Remove Student** section of the [PAnext User Guide](#). Newly enrolled students will not automatically receive testing materials. You must manually place an order for test materials within the PAnext system. Instructions for ordering additional test materials are outlined in the PAnext User Guide, **Requirements for Additional Materials Order**.

Reminder:
Accommodations Reconsideration Deadline - Extended
ACT has extended the reconsideration deadline for accommodations and English learner supports to **January 28**. This deadline extension applies to **reconsideration requests** *only*. If you have an initial request where ACT has issued a decision notification that requires further review, please submit the request for reconsideration no later than midnight CST on January 28. For assistance, please see [Requesting Reconsideration (TAA User Guide)](#).

Aspire
New:
2022 Aspire Administration
The 2022 Aspire PAnext portal is now open. New DACs should have received an email from ACT granting access to the Aspire PAnext portal. If you did not receive an email, please contact [Duane Dorn](#). DACs should now review and assign testing roles for staff within the portal. Instructions on how to assign roles to testing staff can be found on the [Wisconsin ACT Website, Step-1, Make Staff Arrangements](#).

Forward Exam
New:
Forward Exam Q&A webinar
On February 9 at 1:00 pm the second of three optional Q&A webinar sessions will take place (see the [Forward Exam Calendar webpage](#) for additional dates). This webinar is an opportunity for

District and School Assessment Coordinators (DACs/SACs) and Technology Coordinators (DTCs/STCs) to ask DPI and DRC staff questions about Forward Exam test set-up, administration, or technology that may have come up after reviewing the [training videos](#) and [other resources](#). Please share this information with your DTCs, SACs, and STCs. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the Forward Exam Trainings webpage for those who cannot attend the live session. **To join the webinar on February 9**, please use this [Forward Exam Q&A webinar session Zoom link](#). See the [Forward Exam webpage](#) for calendar dates, information, and resources.

Student Data Upload
The student data submitted to DRC on January 19 will be loaded to the INSIGHT portal on February 11. Users will be able download the student demographic data file that is used to upload multiple student accessibility features on the 14th. Full editing of data in the portal will not be available until March 7.

Extended Testing Hours
Forward Exam testing is accessible from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Districts may once again opt to test students in-person on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings until 8:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm during the testing window. **Districts should be aware that no help desk or technical support will be available from DRC or DPI for testing during extended hours.** In order to utilize the extended hours, **DACs must complete and submit** the [Forward Exam - Extended Testing Hours Request Form](#) for their district. The request form **must be submitted a minimum of one week prior** to the planned extended hour testing day.

Reminder:
Forward Exam for Non-Choice Students
Non-Choice students will again be able to take the Forward Exam with the cost of the exam remaining at $35 per student. The order form can be found at: [Wisconsin Forward Exam Order Form](#).

Accountability
Reminder:
Test Participation and Accountability
As we move through testing season, OEA is often asked about the impact of test participation on state accountability. Please see below for more information:

[State Accountability](#)
DPI publishes school and district test participation on school and district report cards for informational purposes only. That is, test participation has no impact on report card scoring. This rule has been effective since the 2016-17 report cards. Please note that a minimum two years of 20 full academic year tested students are required to generate a report card score.

If you have questions about accountability, please [contact OEA](#).

Assessment and Accountability COVID-19 Related Updates
For assessment and accountability COVID-19 Updates please visit:
- [COVID-19 – Accountability Updates and Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 – Assessment Updates and Resources](#)

Important Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Assessment
January 28	Deadline to submit accommodation **reconsiderations** in TAA	ACT
February 7	Early test material receipt week (if selected in PAnext)	ACT
February 8	Aspire Test Administration #1 Webinar	Aspire
February 10	ACT Test Administration #2 Webinar	ACT
February 11	DPI uploads student rosters in PAnext	Aspire
February 14	Student rosters are available in PAnext . Begin entering accommodations and EL supports	Aspire
February 15	Aspire Technology Readiness Webinar	Aspire
February 24	Complete site readiness for online testing	ACT
February 25	Deadline to order additional test materials for Test Window 1	ACT
March 4	Prepare test sessions	ACT
March 4	Last day to enter Qualified Exceptions to the Deadline for ACT Accommodations/EL Supports	ACT
March 4	Last day to enter accommodations/EL supports to receive barcodes.	Aspire
March 8	**ACT Test Window 1 Begins**	**ACT**
March 10	Aspire Test Administration #2 Webinar	Aspire

New Online Resource Highlights

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 test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
Forward Exam New DAC Training	This is a full training for new DACs/SACs and any other DACs/SACs who would like a detailed refresher that covers all aspects of Forward Exam administration management from start to finish including training, set-up, preparation, administration, reporting, and any updates/changes.	Forward
Forward Exam DAC Updates Training	This training provides updates for the upcoming Forward Exam administration and is intended for DACs/SACs who have viewed the full training and feel comfortable with the process enough to receive only the updates.	Forward
Forward Exam Test Administrator Training	This training is required for all TAs that covers all information TAs need to prepare for and administer the Forward Exam. DACs should ensure that all TAs view this training.	Forward
DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide	The purpose of this manual is to help District Assessment Coordinators (DACs), School Assessment Coordinators (SACs) and other DRC INSIGHT Portal users manage user permissions, student information, and testing responsibilities in the DRC INSIGHT Portal.	Forward
Test Administration Manual	This document is designed to ensure the Wisconsin Forward Exam is administered in a uniform manner that is essential for the integrity of this testing program.	Forward

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