



# Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### Accountability

#### Reminder:

#### 2023-24 Preliminary Secure Report Cards - October 14 Deadline to Open an Inquiry

Secure preliminary versions of the 2023-24 school and district report cards are available in [SAFE](#), the Secure Access File Exchange. As a preliminary and 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.

To ensure reporting is as accurate as possible, the secure release opens the [report card inquiry period](#). This inquiry period is an opportunity for schools and districts to review report card data and work with OEA to address possible data submission errors. The 'Secure Release Checklist' found on the [report card resources webpage](#) provides step-by-step guidance on how to review report card data. **The last day to OPEN a data inquiry is Monday, October 14.**

The public release of final school and district report cards is scheduled for **November 19**. These report cards will include redaction to protect student privacy. At that time the public school and district report cards results will be widely available.

As a reminder, we have posted [report card resources](#) to guide your review of the preliminary report cards and assist with local report card interpretation and messaging. If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

#### New:

#### Growth on Report Cards

As we move through the inquiry period, OEA is receiving questions about the Growth priority area of the report cards. In contrast to Achievement, which is based on the levels of performance students attain in a given year, the Growth priority area measures changes in students' performance over time. **The scoring of Growth is normative** – meaning scores are calculated by *comparing how students performed relative to similar students*. This is different from Achievement, where a score can increase or decrease regardless of the performance of other schools and districts. The [changes in 2023-24 assessment performance level cut scores](#) do not impact Growth.

Growth scores are calculated by looking at the change in students' actual test scores and comparing how they did to "average growth" for similar students across the state. For example, if a student has a greater test score increase from last year than similar students across the state, that student has a high growth score. Students are compared using the following variables: prior test

scores, economic status, race/ethnicity, disability status, gender, and English learner status. Thus, **an increase in Achievement scores from one year to the next does not necessarily mean that Growth scores will also increase.** For example, if a school's Achievement scores have increased, but its students' test scores have increased to a *lesser degree than similar students across the state*, that school's Growth score may be lower.

You can learn more about Growth in the "Value Added Growth Guide" and "Report Card Guide" [report card resources](#).

## Assessment

### New:

#### 2023-24 Assessment Data Now Available

Spring 2023-24 statewide assessment results for the Forward Exam, ACT, PreACT Secure, and DLM are now available in the [WISEdash public portal](#) for public schools and at [Parental Choice Assessment Results](#) for choice schools. A press release is available on the [DPI News Releases webpage](#). Several resources including the Assessment Data Release Parent Letter Template and the Assessment Data Release Talking Points are available on the [Office of Educational Accountability webpage](#). Additional resources are available for each assessment on the corresponding assessment's data and results webpage.

## ACT

### New:

#### 2025 Technical Readiness Resources

The following ACT online testing technical resources have now been posted to the [Wisconsin ACT Website, Step 1](#).

- Technical Guide for Online Testing
- Technical Readiness Checklist
- TestNav Support
- Before Test Day Checklist

#### 2025 ACT Trainings

Registration links for the 2025 ACT trainings, Wisconsin specific office hours and global ACT accommodation office hours have been posted to the [ACT Training webpage](#). DACs and TCs are encouraged to register for all training opportunities and pass along the opportunities to additional staff.

#### PLD Workshop -Participant Information

Thank you to all of the educators who registered to participate in this year's Performance Level Descriptor Workshop. Selected participants were sent an email from ACT on October 3rd. All selected participants should complete the registration process at their earliest convenience or notify ACT or [Nikki Braconier](#) as soon as possible if they are unable to attend.

## PreACT Secure

### New:

#### 2025 PreACT Secure Trainings

Registration links for the 2025 PreACT Secure trainings and Wisconsin specific office hours have been posted to the [PreACT Secure Training webpage](#). DACs and TCs are encouraged to register for all training opportunities and pass along the opportunities to additional staff.

## PreACT Secure Technical Guide

The PreACT Secure Technical Guide has been posted to the [PreACT Secure Technology webpage](#). Additional technology resources and trainings will be available later this fall.

## Forward Exam

### Reminder:

Please visit the [Forward webpage](#) for Forward Exam information, resources and dates.

## 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
<a href="#">ACT Technical Guide for Online Testing</a>	Resource containing all technical specifications and guidelines for administering the ACT.	ACT
<a href="#">ACT Technical Readiness Checklist</a>	Checklist to ensure site readiness for online ACT testing.	ACT
<a href="#">PreACT Secure Technical Guide for Online Testing</a>	Resource containing all technical specifications and guidelines for administering the PreACT Secure.	PreACT Secure

## Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
October 29	ACT Accommodations Training	ACT



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