



# Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### Assessment

#### New:

#### Free Assessment Professional Development and Coaching Series - Spaces Still Open!

The Office of Educational Accountability and CESAs are offering a free Assessment Professional Development and Coaching Series for the second time.

**CESAs are recruiting and looking for more districts to participate!** Additional information and contact information for each CESA is on the [Free Assessment Professional Learning and Coaching Series website](#). Please share this information with district leaders.

Each CESA will provide professional learning and four in-district coaching sessions. Districts can participate in the entire series, or attend one or more of the topics listed below based on interest. In addition to this free learning, a one time stipend will be provided for participating districts.

Professional Learning topics include:

- Assessing Student Learning: Classroom Assessment and Data Analysis (required prerequisite to all other sessions) - three days in-person learning or online learning option
- Performance Tasks - four days in-person learning
- Formative Assessment Practices - four days in-person learning
- Educator Created Interim Assessment - four days in-person learning

Last year was a great success with over 620 educators and leaders participating from 65 districts across the state. Visit the [Free Assessment Professional Learning and Coaching Series website](#) to watch a short video in which participants share their experiences and learning highlights from the series.

Contact [Lauren Zellmer](#) with questions.

#### Reminder:

#### 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. Several resources are available on the [Office of Educational Accountability webpage](#) and additional resources are available for each assessment on the corresponding assessment's data and results webpage.

# Accountability

## Reminders:

### 2023-24 Preliminary Secure Report Cards

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.

The inquiry period closed on October 14th and OEA will be working with schools and districts to resolve open inquiries.

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](#).

### Growth on Report Cards

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* and an increase in Achievement scores from one year to the next does not necessarily mean that Growth scores will also increase. The [changes in 2023-24 assessment performance level cut scores](#) do not impact Growth.

# ACT

## Reminders:

### 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.

## PreACT Secure

### Reminders:

#### 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
November 14	2023-24 Report Cards Final Secure Release	Report Cards
November 19	2023-24 Report Cards Public Release	Report Cards



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