Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

October 28, 2021

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

2020-21 Assessment Data Public Release

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) publicly released statewide assessment results for the spring 2021 Forward Exam, ACT, and ASPIRE on Wednesday, October 20. A press release is available on the DPI News Releases webpage and performance data from these assessments is available at https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/parental-choice-program/data for choice schools and in the WISEdash public portal for public schools. Additional assessment data resources are available on the DAC Resources Webpage.

Accountability

Reminder:

Preliminary Secure Report Cards Update

The window to open an inquiry with the Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) closed on October 18. At this time, OEA staff are working with schools and districts that opened inquiries to resolve them and make manual corrections in the report cards. As a reminder, **scores and ratings are subject to change** based on updates resulting from the inquiry period - even for schools who do not submit inquiries.

If you have questions about report cards, please contact OEA.

ACT with writing

New:

ACT PearsonAccessNext

PearsonAccessNext (PAnext) is used to select your testing dates, verify your student roster, order materials and set up and run online testing. The PAnext User Guide provides assistance for completing these steps.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- November 1 – PAnext Opens
- November 1 – DACs update testing staff in portal
- November 1 to December 3 – select testing and shipping dates, verify shipping address

2022 ACT Testing Resources

Throughout the month of November, ACT will be updating and posting 2022 testing resources on the Wisconsin ACT Website. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the website and where to access testing resources. Resources now available include:

- 2022 ACT Schedule of Events
- 2022 ACT Administration Testing Manuals (Step 5)
- What's New (Step 1)
- PearsonAccess^{Next} User Guide (Step 1)
- Accommodations and EL Supports (Step 3)

2022 ACT Trainings

DPI and ACT will be offering four Q&A webinar-based trainings and five Wisconsin Specific Office Hours. To register for these training opportunities, please visit the ACT Training Webpage. All trainings will be recorded.

Aspire

New:

2022 Aspire Schedule of Events

The 2022 Aspire Schedule of Events (SOE) has now been posted to the Wisconsin ACT Website. The SOE contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the Aspire assessment and should be reviewed often by all testing staff.

Aspire PearsonAccess Next

Aspire PearsonAccess Next (PAnext) is used to verify your student roster, order materials, enter accommodations/EL supports and set up and run online testing. PAnext for Aspire will open on January 24, 2022.

Training Opportunities:

DPI and ACT will be offering three Q&A webinar-based trainings and two Chat with an Expert sessions for the 2022 Aspire assessment. Please visit the Aspire Training webpage to register for these trainings. All trainings will be recorded.

Forward Exam

New:

Text-Dependent Analysis 2022

The Forward Exam will once again be administered in its entirety, during the 2021-22 school-year, which includes the Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA). The TDA (long-write essay) session of the Forward Exam requires students to read the text (passage or passages) and then respond in writing to a prompt in one of several ways. More information about the TDA is available on the Forward Exam Resources webpage. Students are able to practice the TDA in an online practice test environment using the Online Tools Training and the online ELA Item Sampler which are available on the Forward Exam Practice Test webpage.

Reminder:

2022 Social Studies Exam

Beginning this year, the Forward Social Studies Exam in grades 4, 8 and 10 will be aligned to the Wisconsin Standards for Social Studies that were adopted in 2018. Updated Online Tools Training (OTT) and Item Samplers are now available on the Forward Exam Practice Tests and Sample Items webpage to help students prepare for the newly aligned Assessment.

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
October 30	Annual DAC Update Form due	ALL
November 1	ACT PAnext Portal Opens	ACT
November 9	ACT Test Administration #1 Webinar	ACT
November 11	Technology User Guide available	Forward
November 17	District Technology Training Videos available	Forward
November 17	Wisconsin ACT Accommodations Office Hours	ACT
November 24	DACs receive access to the 2022 DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
December 3	Deadline for selecting ACT Testing Date(s)	ACT
December 7	ACT Online Testing Site Readiness Webinar	ACT

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
2021 Interpreting Data Guide	Two-page informational handout to help districts interpret the 2021 assessment data.	ALL
Statewide Assessments Things to know 2020-21	One-page informational handout to provide districts with information regarding the 2021 assessment administration and data.	ALL
Technology Requirements	System requirements documentation for the 2021-22 administration.	Forward
2022 ACT Administration Manuals	Paper, accommodation and online testing manuals available for 2022.	ACT
2022 ACT Schedule of Events	Calendar of tasks and deadlines for administering the 2022 ACT assessment.	ACT
PersonAccess Next User Guide	User manual for ACT PearsonAccess Next Portal.	ACT
TAA User Guide	Test Accessibility and Accommodation System (TAA) User Guide.	ACT
2022 Aspire Schedule of Events	Calendar of tasks and deadlines for administering the 2022 Aspire assessment.	Aspire

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