



## Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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### WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

## Assessment

### Reminder:

#### 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.

**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.

## Accountability

### Reminder:

#### 2023-24 School and District Report Cards

The window to open an inquiry with the Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) closed on October 14. 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. The data that are finalized in the report card inquiry process will be used in both state and federal (both ESSA and IDEA) accountability systems.

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

## ACT and PreACT Secure

### Reminder:

#### Important ACT Test Administration Platform Update

Previously, ACT announced they will be transitioning their test administration platform from PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> (PAnext) to ACT Now. They have recently communicated to DPI that **the Wisconsin ACT and PreACT Secure will be administered through PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> for spring 2025** as they needed additional time for a successful transition to ACT Now in future years. Review the [October 22 ACT Program email](#) for additional information.

## ACT

### New:

#### 2025 PAnext Portal Opening

The 2025 [ACT PearsonAccess<sup>Next</sup> \(PAnext\) portal](#) will open on **November 4**. Once open, DACs will receive access to the portal and instructions on how to set up additional testing staff and select the school's testing date and mode of testing (paper/online).

Note: New DACs who currently do not have a PAnext user account will receive a separate email with instructions on how to create their PAnext account. Previous DACs will not receive an email from PAnext but will automatically have access to the portal under their existing login credentials.

#### 2025 Testing Manuals and Resources

The following 2025 ACT testing resources are now available on the [Wisconsin ACT website](#). DACs should disseminate these resources out to testing staff and ensure all resources are reviewed annually for test administration updates.

- 2025 ACT Schedule of Events - Important Dates
- What's New Document - Step 1
- PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> User Guide - Step 1
- Technical Guide, Specifications and Mock Administration Guide - Step 2
- Accessibility Supports Guide and additional accommodation resources - Step 4
- Test Coordinator Information Manual and all test administration manuals/forms - Step 5

#### Wisconsin ACT Office Hours

The first of five scheduled Wisconsin Specific Office Hours will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 1:00-2:00pm. This office hour will provide a brief overview of the ACT assessment for new staff alongside an open Q&A forum. Visit the [DPI ACT Training webpage](#) to register for this event.

## PreACT Secure

### Reminder:

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

## 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="#">What's New Document</a>	Document outlining new items for the 2025 ACT assessment.	ACT
<a href="#">ACT Schedule of Events</a>	Resource outlining important dates, tasks and deadlines for the 2025 ACT assessment.	ACT
<a href="#">PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> User Guide</a>	Guide to help users navigate and perform tasks within the PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> administrative platform.	ACT
<a href="#">ACT Administration Manuals</a>	Manuals provide administrative and policy information to administer the ACT assessment to fidelity.	ACT
<b>Updated:</b> <a href="#">ACT Technical Guide for Online Testing</a>	Resource containing all technical specifications and guidelines for administering the ACT on PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> .	ACT
<b>Updated:</b> <a href="#">PreACT Secure Technical Guide for Online Testing</a>	Resource containing all technical specifications and guidelines for administering the PreACT Secure on PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> .	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
November 4	PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> portal opens for spring 2025 testing	ACT
November 6	ACT/PreACT Secure Office Hours	ACT/PreACT Secure
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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