

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Happy Thanksgiving!

Due to the holiday next week, there will be no Assessment Update on Thursday, November 26. The Assessment Update will resume on Thursday, December 3. Have a happy and safe holiday!

ACT with writing

New:

ACT with Writing for Non-Choice Students

Non-choice students will again be allowed to take the ACT with Writing on the state administration dates. Cost for the test will be \$50 per student. Order forms will be sent to choice assessment coordinators in early December with the order deadline set for January 8.

Reminder:

Test Administration

- Friday, November 20 is the last day for students with vouchers to register for December 12 National testing.
- **Schools must select their 2021 ACT testing date in [Pearson Access^{next}](#) by November 27.** Please see the Managing Participation section in the [PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide](#).
- [Register for Online Testing Site Readiness Webinar and Q&A](#) which will be Thursday, December 10, 10:30am-11:30am.
- **There is no remote proctoring of the ACT.** All paper and online testing must be administered in-person.

Aspire

New:

ACT Aspire for Non-Choice Students

Schools that elect to test their non-choice students with ACT Aspire will need to contact ACT directly to order tests for these students. Ordering information can be found at: <https://www.discoveractaspire.org/order/> Schools will not need to order tests for their choice students as DPI automatically loads the choice students into the testing portal.

ACT Aspire Schedule of Events

- [2021 Aspire Schedule of Events](#) is now available.

Forward Exam

Reminder:

Technology Trainings and Resources

- 2021 Technology training videos for DACs and Technology Coordinators are now available. There are two training video options - one for new DTC's and technology staff,

and a second, shorter presentation with updates and reminders for DTCs experienced with Forward Exam set-up and administration.

- The Forward Exam Technology User Guide is now available.
- The Technology training videos, Technology User Guide, System requirements, and other technology readiness resources can be found on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements and Resources webpage](#).

Assessment and Accountability COVID-19 Related Updates

Reminder:

OEA has created two webpages to keep you updated and informed. Please bookmark these pages and the [main DPI COVID-19 page](#), which contains COVID-19 information for schools beyond assessment and accountability.

- [COVID-19 - Accountability Updates and Resources](#) webpage with summary information on the impact of COVID-19 on school accountability in Wisconsin.
- [COVID-19 - Assessment Updates and Resources](#) webpage which contains assessment related COVID-19 resources, 2019-20 COVID updates, and any 2020-21 updates that may arise.

ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

Closer Look at Report Card Changes

While there will be no report cards released this year, OEA is working to securely release accountability **preview reports in January/February** using data from prior years to demonstrate design and calculation changes that we have worked on with our Accountability Advisory Group and other state and national experts and stakeholders. As mentioned in the [October 21 DAC Digest](#), we are using this space in the DAC Digest to highlight the changes featured in the preview reports.

Target Group Outcomes: Students Regularly Attending and Graduation/Attendance

The Target Group students regularly attending and graduation/attendance scores will be calculated using the same methodology as the “all students” scores. The only difference is that these calculations will **only apply to Target Group students** and not all students at the school (just like with achievement and growth). Note that Target Group students will continue to remain in “all students” calculations for the On-Track to Graduation priority area in addition to Target Group scoring.

Students regularly attending is calculated by finding the absenteeism rate and subtracting that rate from one. This is done to align with the rest of the report card, in which higher rates indicate higher performance. You can read more about the measure in the [October 1 Assessment Update](#). Graduation is calculated using the average between four-year and seven-year cohort graduation rates. The seven-year rate is included in order to account for students who need more than four years to graduate from high school. Attendance is used for schools that do not graduate students and is calculated by dividing the number of actual days attended by the number of total days.

You can find more information about these data on the [WISEdash About the Data page](#). As previously mentioned, we'll also be updating our [Accountability Resources](#) page in the coming months with new information specific to the preview reports. Please email us at OEAMail@dpi.wi.gov with any questions in the meantime.



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