



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

November 7, 2024

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

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](#).

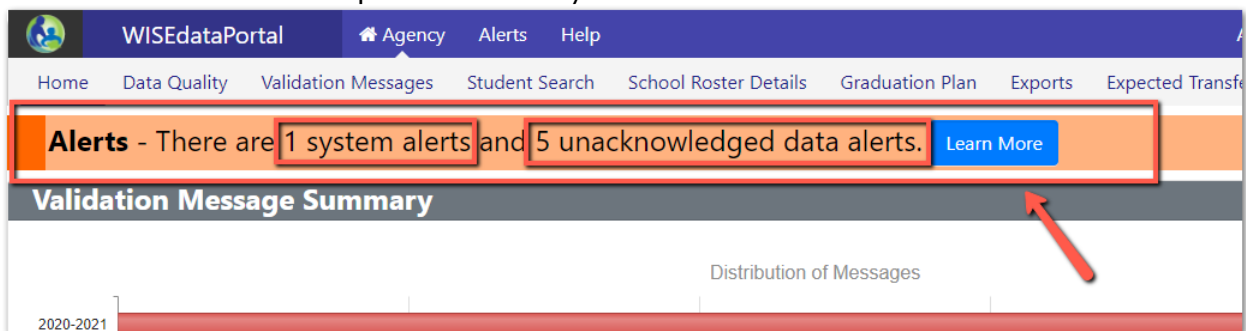
New:

Data for 2024-25 Accountability Being Captured December 10

The [WISEdata Student Snapshot](#) scheduled for **December 10** will capture data to be used throughout 2024-25 school and district report cards and ESSA and IDEA accountability systems. The snapshot will capture the following data used in accountability:

- 2023-24 attendance, discipline, high school completion, course and program participation
- 2024-25 Third Friday of September Enrollment – including economically disadvantaged status
- 2024-25 October 1 Child Count of students with disabilities (for IDEA)
- All student demographics

Please check for data alerts in WISEdata Portal. Data quality alerts signal that data differ substantially from prior years or are being submitted with errors. Alerts are indicated in the orange panel at the top of the WISEdata Portal page (see screenshot below). Click the blue Learn More button to review the specific alerts for your school or district.



WISEdata Portal mini tutorials for reviewing alerts, errors, and warnings:

- [WISEdata Portal Alerts Mini Tutorial](#)
- [WISEdata Validation Messages Mini Tutorial](#)

Additional resources to help you prepare your data for the upcoming snapshot can be found on the [Snapshot Preparation Guidance webpage](#). If you have questions about the student data snapshot or how to resolve data issues, please submit a [WISE Help Ticket](#).

Assessment

New:

District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Confidentiality Agreement

DACs from schools administering the ACCESS for ELLs who have not already completed the 2024-25 [DAC Confidentiality Agreement](#) should do so now and submit to OEA as soon as possible. The form may be completed electronically and signed electronically using Acrobat Reader. Be sure to read the terms for each assessment and select only the boxes that apply to your school on the ACT/PreACT Secure agreement prior to signing. The entire document needs to be submitted to OEA once signed. If your school is not administering the ACCESS for ELLs for 2024-25, be sure to submit your form by March 1. All other confidentiality forms (SACs, DTCs, STCs, etc.) may be completed electronically, and once completed are to be retained at the school/district level.

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.

ACT

Reminders:

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^{next} 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

PreACT Secure

Reminder:

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

Forward Exam

New:

Technology System Requirements

DACs and DTCs should review the hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2024-25 administration to ensure student devices meet the minimum requirements for testing. Be sure to review the COS Service Device configurations and required bandwidth. Updated 2025 technology system requirements (updated in October) are available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#).

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
DRC System Requirements	Hardware and software requirements for the Forward Exam. Updated in October.	Forward
What's New Document	Document outlining new items for the 2025 ACT assessment.	ACT
ACT Schedule of Events	Resource outlining important dates, tasks and deadlines for the 2025 ACT assessment.	ACT
PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide	Guide to help users navigate and perform tasks within the PearsonAccess ^{next} administrative platform.	ACT
ACT Administration Manuals	Manuals provide administrative and policy information to administer the ACT assessment to fidelity.	ACT

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
November 11	Technology User Guide available	Forward
November 14	2023-24 Report Cards Final Secure Release	Report Cards
November 19	2023-24 Report Cards Public Release	Report Cards
November 19	Test Administration #1 Training Webinar	ACT
November 21	DACs assigned permissions to access the 2024-25 DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
December 3	Office Hours - ACT Accommodations/EL Supports	ACT
December 4	Technology Training Videos available	Forward



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