## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

# Accountability

**New:**

**New Amendment to Accountability Statute and Notification Requirement**

An amendment to our accountability statute [115.385(4)] and school notification requirements in 118.57 (1) has been passed and is effective immediately. Schools and school boards must add "the youth apprenticeship program" to the list of educational opportunities high schools publish as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, and post it on their internet site. This amendment applies only to high schools and does not affect the information on a school district's report cards.

As in the past, schools must post their educational opportunities to their internet site by January 31. However, to meet the notification requirement, high schools who make youth apprenticeships available must now state this specifically. Any questions about youth apprenticeship programs can be directed to Karin Smith.

**Reminder:**

**Preparation for Upcoming WISEdata Student Snapshot**

The WISEdata Student Snapshot is scheduled for **December 7.** Once the snapshot is taken, the data are considered certified and final and will be used on State Report Cards. If you have questions about the student data snapshot, please submit a WISEsupport Ticket.

# 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 $51 per student. Order forms will be sent to choice assessment coordinators sometime next week with the order deadline set for January 7.

**Deadline - Selecting ACT Testing Date**

The deadline for schools to select their 2022 ACT test date and materials ship date is this **Friday, December 3**. When selecting the test material ship date, select the early receipt week if possible to allow time to order additional materials if needed. Schools should also verify the shipping address on file with ACT and submit any changes through an Address Change Request. Please refer to the PearsonAccessNext User Guide for instructions on how to complete these tasks.

**Online Testing Resources and Training**

Below are resources available to schools who are considering testing online this year.

- 2022 ACT Assessment Calendar
- Wisconsin ACT Website (ACT)
- ACT Taken on Paper or Online?
- Technical Requirements  (See Site Readiness for Online Testing resources, Step 2)
- 2022 ACT Online Administration Manual

**Reminder:**
**Training Webinar**
> When: December 7, 10:30-11:30AM
> Topic: ACT Online Site Readiness
> December 7 Registration Link
> **Note: Technical Coordinators should attend this webinar.**

Additional training opportunities can be found on the ACT Trainings webpage.

# Aspire
**Reminders:**
**ACT Aspire for Non-Choice Students**
For the Spring 2022 administration, 9th and 10th grade non-choice students will be allowed to take the ACT Aspire under the state contract (similar to how 11th grade non-choice students have been able to take the ACT under the state contract the last several years). Cost for the test will be $22 per student. Order forms will be sent to choice assessment coordinators sometime next week with the order deadline set for January 7.

# Forward Exam
**Reminders:**
**Technology Training Videos**
The Forward Exam District Technology Training Videos are available on the Forward Exam Technology Requirements and Resources webpage. There are two training video options. One training video is for new District Technology Coordinators (DTCs) and technology staff, and covers technology resources, supported devices, system requirements, system overview, and installation/configuration. The second training video is a shorter presentation with updates and reminders for DTCs that are experienced with Forward Exam set-up and administration.

**2021-22 Technology User Guide**
The Forward Exam Technology User Guide is now available on the Forward Exam Technology Requirements and Resources webpage.

# 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 |
|------|-------|------------|
| December 3 | Deadline for selecting ACT Testing Date(s) | ACT |
| December 7 | ACT Online Testing Site Readiness Webinar | ACT |
| December 7 | Schools testing ACT Online can begin site readiness tasks | ACT |
| December 13 | ACT training materials will arrive this week | ACT |
| January 14 | Deadline to submit ACT accommodations and supports in TAA | 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Technology User Guide | The user guide is part of a multi-volume set that describes how to configure, install, manage, and troubleshoot the DRC INSIGHT Online Learning System. | Forward |

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