



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Winter Break

During this special time of the year, we want to make sure you know how much we appreciate you. Hope your holiday season is full of health and happiness! This is the last Assessment Update in 2021. The Assessment Update will resume on Thursday, January 6 with updates, reminders and important dates in 2022.

ACT with writing

New:

ACT with Writing for Non-Choice Students

Order forms were emailed to assessment coordinators on Tuesday afternoon. The order deadline is set for January 7.

Test Coordinator Reminder Items:

Test Coordinators should review the following test administration tasks and reminders:

- Review the [Test Coordinator Checklist](#)
- Read the [Test Coordinator Information Manual](#) for information on preparing your testing facility.
- Choose testing staff using the guidelines in the Test Coordinator Info Manual.
- Have testing staff read and sign [ACT Confidentiality Forms](#).
- Sites testing online should begin site readiness. Technical Coordinators should review [Site Readiness Checklist](#) and all training and resources found on the [Wisconsin ACT Website, Step 2 - Complete Site Readiness for Online Testing](#).
- ACT Training Materials will arrive this week.
- If you missed the accommodations, test administration part 1, or the online testing site readiness trainings, the recordings are available on the [DPI ACT Trainings page](#).
- [Register for Test Administration Training Webinar Part 2](#).
- Submit ACT accommodations and EL supports requests using the [TAA System](#) by **January 14. This is a firm deadline.**

Aspire

New:

ACT Aspire for Non-Choice Students

Order forms were emailed to assessment coordinators on Tuesday afternoon. The order deadline is set for January 7.

Please see the [Aspire webpages](#) for resources and upcoming trainings.

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam for Non-Choice Students

Non-Choice students will again be able to take the Forward Exam with the cost of the exam remaining at \$35 per student. The order form can be found at: [Wisconsin Forward Exam Order Form](#).

2022 Forward Exam Resources

The *DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide* and the *Test Administration Manual* will be available January 10 on the [Forward Exam Resources webpage](#).

2022 Forward Exam Trainings

The Forward Exam pre-recorded trainings for District and School Assessment Coordinators (DACs/SACs) and Test Administrators (TAs) will be available January 10 on the [Forward Exam Trainings webpage](#). There will be three training presentations, each with information targeted to a specific audience.

- **DAC/SAC Training** - This is a full training for new DACs/SACs and any other DACs/SACs who would like a detailed refresher that covers all aspects of Forward Exam administration management from start to finish including training, set-up, preparation, administration, reporting, and any updates/changes.
- **DAC/SAC Updates Training** - This training provides updates for the upcoming Forward Exam administration and is intended for DACs/SACs who have viewed the full training and feel comfortable with the process enough to receive only the updates.
- **Test Administrator Training** - This training is required for all TAs that covers all information TAs need to prepare for and administer the Forward Exam. DACs should ensure that all TAs view this training.

Forward Exam Q&A webinar

On January 12 at 1:00 pm the first of three optional Q&A webinar sessions will take place (see the [Forward Exam Calendar webpage](#) for additional dates). This webinar is an opportunity for District and School Assessment Coordinators (DACs/SACs) and Technology Coordinators (DTCs/STCs) to ask DPI and DRC staff questions about Forward Exam test set-up, administration, or technology that may have come up after reviewing the training videos and other resources. Please share this information with your DTCs, SACs, and STCs. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the [Forward Exam Trainings webpage](#) for those who cannot attend the live session. **To join the webinar on January 12**, please use this [Forward Exam Q&A webinar session Zoom link](#).

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 13	ACT training materials will arrive this week	ACT
January 10	Forward Exam Manuals and Trainings available	Forward

January 12	First DAC, SAC, DTC Q&A Webinar	Forward
January 14	Deadline to submit ACT accommodations and supports in TAA	ACT
January 18	DPI loads students into ACT PAnext	ACT
January 19	DPI pulls student roster data from WISEdata to upload to the DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
January 21	Deadline to verify student enrollment roster in PAnext	ACT
January 21	Deadline to submit accommodation reconsiderations in TAA	ACT
January 24	PAnext portal opens for Aspire	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
The Forward Exam District Technology Training Video	Training video is for new District Technology Coordinators (DTCs) and technology staff that covers technology resources, supported devices, system requirements, system overview, and installation/configuration.	Forward
The Forward Exam District Technology Updates Training Video	This training video is a short presentation with updates and reminders for DTCs that are experienced with Forward Exam set-up and administration.	Forward
ACT Taken on Paper or Online?	Document outlines differences between paper and online ACT testing.	ACT
Qualified Exception to the Deadline Form	Late accommodation request form.	ACT



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