



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Thank You From OEA

OEA would like to thank you for all of the work you do for our students in Wisconsin. We appreciate your time and dedication to assessment and accountability topics. We hope you take some time over the next few weeks to relax and spend time with family and friends. We look forward to working with you in 2025.

ACT

Reminder:

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 \$54.84 per student. Order forms were sent to assessment coordinators on December 9 with the order deadline set for January 17.

Accommodation Requests

The deadline to submit requests for spring 2025 testing is **January 24**. **DPI strongly encourages schools to enter requests into the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) now** to avoid delays and allow time for reconsideration if needed.

- Submit requests early - well before the January 24 deadline.
- Refer to [Step 3: Accommodation, on the Wisconsin ACT Webpage](#) for accommodation and EL support resources and training.
- If you have questions or need support entering an accommodation request, contact the ACT Accommodation team directly at (800) 553-6244 x1788.
- Log into the TAA to view status and decisions on accommodations/EL support requests.
 - If a request is not approved, you can submit again for reconsideration.
 - [Reach out to OEA](#) as soon as possible if you are experiencing difficulty receiving an approval for an accommodation.

PreACT Secure

Reminders:

PreACT Secure for Non-Choice Students

9th and 10th grade non-choice students will again be allowed to take the PreACT Secure under the state contract. Cost for the test will be \$19 per student. Order forms were sent to assessment coordinators on December 9 with the order deadline set for January 17.

2025 PreACT Secure Manuals

The following PreACT Secure resources have been posted to the [Wisconsin ACT Website](#), [PreACT Secure - Step 5](#):

- Online and Online Accommodated Administration Manual
- Paper Accommodated Administration Manual
- Test Forms for all administrations
- Test Coordinator Information Manual
- Wisconsin Administration Supplement

PreACT Secure Accommodations

As a reminder, accommodations for the PreACT Secure will be entered directly into PearsonAccess^{next} (PANext) and do not require prior ACT approval. Schools can begin entering PreACT Secure accommodations once student rosters have been loaded and PANext opens on January 27. Additional information on how to enter accommodations will be provided in January.

2025 Schedule of Events

The spring [2025 PreACT Secure Schedule of Events](#) (SOE) has now been released and posted to the Wisconsin ACT Website. The SOE contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the PreACT Secure and should be reviewed often by all testing staff.

Forward Exam

Reminders:

Forward Exam Student Preparation

The Forward Exam Practice Test, for each tested grade and content level, is available year round on the [Forward Exam Practice Test webpage](#). All students should be given the opportunity to practice with the online Forward Exam Practice Test in order to interact with the testing system, become familiar with the types of questions they may encounter on the exam, and practice using the universal tools (including Text-to-Speech). The Practice Test contains samples of test questions similar to those on the Forward Exam. Each question contains information about alignment (standard measured), answer key, depth of knowledge, and specific annotations. The Practice Test is not scored, and the online version does not save responses. Accessible Practice Tests are available for students who need to practice Spanish stacked translation, VSL, masking, and color choice tools. Braille Practice Tests can be ordered by DACs by contacting the DRC Help Desk.

The [Student Tutorial videos](#) are designed to help students become familiar with the online testing environment and should be used in conjunction with the practice test. Some videos are intended for all students, while others cover specific tools that are only available at certain grade levels. The student tutorial home screen displays which videos accompany which grade levels as well as run times. Tutorials can be viewed as a class or at individual student machines. New for 2024-25 the student tutorials will be available in Spanish. Student tutorials are available year-round and the Spanish tutorials will be available January 7.

2025 DRC INSIGHT Portal Permissions

DRC has assigned DACs permission to access the 2025 DRC INSIGHT Portal. DACs do not need to assign permissions to other users until January or February 2025. Information about how to assign users will be provided in the DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide, available on January 7. DACs who did not receive the email from 'noreply@datarecognitioncorp.com' with the subject line "Your DRC INSIGHT Portal Account Has a New Profile", please contact the [DRC Help Desk](#) at (800) 459-6530.

Technology Training Videos

The Forward Exam District Technology Training Videos are now available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements and Resources webpage](#). This year DRC has provided four short videos that cover all information District Technology Coordinators (DTCs) need to know about technology updates, requirements, Central Office Services installation/management, and the set-up of student testing devices.

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
Administration Manuals and Test Forms	Administrative manuals and test forms for the 2025 PreACT Secure.	PreACT Secure
Schedule of Events	Schedule of important tasks and deadlines for 2025.	PreACT Secure
Technology Training Videos	Four short training videos that cover all information DTCs need to install Central Office Services and set up student testing devices.	Forward
Educator Involvement Application	Educators may apply for Alignment Study and/or New Item Review.	Forward

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
January 7	DAC and Test Administration Training Videos available	Forward
January 7	Test Administration Manual and DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide available	Forward
January 7	Online Testing Tech Readiness Webinar	ACT
January 10	Deadline to submit test date selection survey	ACT
January 17	Deadline to notify DPI of intent to administer ACT and PreACT Secure to non-choice students	ACT & PreACT Secure
January 21	Office Hours - Verifying Student Roster	ACT

January 24	Deadline to enter ACT Accommodation/EL Support Request	ACT
January 27	PreACT Secure portal opens in PAnext. Rosters available	PreACT Secure
January 27-31	Verify ACT Student Rosters in PAnext	ACT
January 28	PreACT Secure Test Administration #1 Training Webinar	PreACT Secure
January 28	WISEdata student data file upload to DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward



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