



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

December 4, 2024

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Accountability

Reminder:

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. Please see pages 1-2 of the [November 7 Assessment Update](#) for more information and resources to help you prepare your data for this upcoming snapshot. If you have questions about the student data snapshot or how to resolve data issues, please submit a [WISE Help Ticket](#).

Assessment

Reminders:

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 on classroom assessment and data analysis, performance tasks, educator created interim assessment, and formative assessment practices. **CESAs are recruiting and looking for more districts to participate!** Additional information is in the [November 6 DAC Digest](#) and the [Free Assessment Professional Learning and Coaching Series website](#). Please share this information with district leaders and contact [Lauren Zellmer](#) with questions.

District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Confidentiality Agreement

DACs from districts 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. See the [November 6 DAC Digest](#) for specific instructions on how to complete and submit the form.

ACT

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 \$54.84 per student. Order forms will be sent to assessment coordinators next Monday (December 9) with the order deadline set for January 17.

Important Update: Selecting Testing Date and Mode

Due to changes to the PearsonAccess^{next} (PANext) system, ACT is unable to capture your school's testing mode (paper/online) through PANext. To ensure DPI has your correct testing mode on file, ACT sent a survey to all school test coordinators and DACs on November 21, 2024 (statetesting@operations.act.org). Only one survey per school should be completed. The deadline to complete the survey is January 10, 2025. Please contact [Nikki Braconier](#) if your school did not receive the survey link.

Managing Contact Information and User Accounts in PearsonAccess^{next} (PAnext)

DACs should update the [Manage Contact](#) section of PAnext as soon as possible to ensure ACT and DPI have the correct contact information on file to avoid delays in shipping and receipt of important assessment information. Please also remember to grant access to the PAnext spring 2025 ACT portal to testing staff and remove access for users no longer in testing roles.

PreACT Secure

New:

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 will be sent to assessment coordinators next Monday (December 9) with the order deadline set for January 17.

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

New:

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.

Reminders:

Forward Exam Educator Involvement Opportunities

DPI is currently recruiting a diverse group of educators from all over Wisconsin (including English learner and special education teachers) to participate in two separate Forward Exam Educator Involvement Opportunities. These events are important steps in the development of the Forward Exam. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the Forward Exam development and have detailed input on the exam and take knowledge back to your district about the processes.

- **Alignment Study** - Participants will work alongside national subject-area experts to ensure the alignment of the 2024 Forward Exam for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics to the Wisconsin Academic Standards using the Webb Alignment Model. The primary role of each participant is to review the items (questions) on the ELA and mathematics exams and judge the depth-of-knowledge (DOK) level of each item and to identify the standard to which each item is aligned.

- **New Item Review** - Participants will review new ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies test questions created for the exam for content, grade level appropriateness, alignment to correct standard, cultural inclusivity, and bias/sensitivity issues prior to placement on the exam.

More information about each opportunity, including how to apply, is available on the [Forward Exam Educators Involvement webpage](#). Educators interested in one or more events need to submit only one application. There is a question in the application which asks the applicant to select the educator involvement opportunities they would like to participate in and may select all that apply. Please share this information with your educators.

2024-25 Technology User Guide

The *Forward Exam Technology User Guide* is now available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#). The user guide is a multi-volume set that describes how to configure, install, manage, and troubleshoot the DRC INSIGHT System. There is also a handout titled *Updates to the Technology User Guide 2024-25* that describes the changes to the guide.

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
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
DRC System Requirements	Hardware and software requirements for the Forward Exam. Updated in October.	Forward
Technology User Guide	The user guide is a multi-volume set that describes how to configure, install, manage, and troubleshoot the DRC INSIGHT System.	Forward

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
December 4	Technology Training Videos available	Forward
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 21	Office Hours - Verifying Student Roster	ACT
January 24	Deadline to enter ACT Accommodation/EL Support Request	ACT



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