

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

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Reminders:

MyACT Update

Students can now register for a MyACT account with their student codes using MyACT. OEA has created and will continue to update the *MyACT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)* document as new information becomes available. This document is available on the [DPI ACT Resource webpage](#) and provides resources and answers to common questions that may arise during the MyACT registration process.

Ordering Additional Test Materials

The deadline for ordering additional test materials for the March 9 administration is February 26.

Aspire

New:

Accommodations:

Test Coordinators should enter accommodation and EL supports for Aspire spring 2021 testing into the Aspire PANext portal through a student's Personal Needs Profile (PNP). Instructions are outlined in the Aspire Test Coordinator Manual.

All PNPs for paper testing must be entered by **March 5** to ensure barcodes are received and testing materials are shipped timely.

Testing Hours:

Districts have the option to administer Aspire during the evening and on weekends. Districts do not need special permission for Aspire testing during extended hours. Please be aware that no help desk or technical support will be available from ACT or DPI during extended testing hours. DACs should have district/school technology staff and back-up plans in place prior to any test administration during extended hours. DPI encourages districts to review technology requirements and run a Mock Administration within the [Aspire Testing Training Website](#) prior to testing. Please see the [Configuration section](#) on the ACT Aspire webpage for site readiness resources.

Test Administration Training #2 Webinar

Register for the March 4, 10:30 am, [Test Administration #2 webinar](#). The webinar will be recorded and posted to the [DPI Aspire Trainings webpage](#) for those who cannot attend the live session.

Chat with an Expert Webinar

Register for the March 10, 2:30 pm, [Chat with an Expert webinar](#). The webinar will be recorded and posted to the [DPI Aspire Trainings webpage](#) for those who cannot attend the live session.

Reminder:

Technology Readiness

As the start of the ACT Aspire assessment draws near, it is important that your test site meet the technical requirements *before* testing begins. Please review the [ACT Aspire Schedule of Events](#) for tasks and deadlines to complete for technical readiness. If you have not already done so, make sure to invite your district technology coordinator to both the [Aspire training website](#) and the live [production site](#). Use the resources under the [Configuration section](#) on the Wisconsin ACT Aspire Webpage to configure systems for Aspire testing.

ACT Aspire for Non-Choice Students

Schools that elect to test their non-choice students with ACT Aspire will need to contact ACT directly to order tests for these students. Ordering information can be found at: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-aspire.html#get-aspire>. Schools will not need to order tests for their choice students as DPI automatically loads the choice students into the testing portal.

Forward Exam

New:

Test Set-up Available on March 8

Beginning on March 8, DACs and SACs will be able to print test tickets, edit or create test sessions, edit student data, and enter accessibility features on an individual student basis in the DRC INSIGHT Portal. **These tasks cannot be completed prior to March 8.** DRC will put all students into test sessions the week of March 1-5.

Reminders:

Forward Exam Q&A Webinar #3

On March 10, at 1:00 pm, there will be an optional Q&A webinar session that will provide an opportunity for Assessment and Technology Coordinators to ask DPI and DRC staff questions about test set-up, administration, or technology. 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. On March 10, use this [link to join the Forward Exam Q&A webinar session](#).

Extended Testing Hours

Forward Exam testing is accessible from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Districts may now opt to test students, in-person, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings until 8:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm during the testing window. **Districts should be aware that no help desk or technical support will be available from DRC or DPI for testing during extended hours.** In order to utilize the extended hours, DACs must complete and submit the [Forward Exam - Extended Testing Hours Request Form](#) for their district. The request form must be submitted a minimum of one week prior to the planned extended hour testing day..

Forward Exam for Non-Choice Students

CESA 6 will again be overseeing the process for schools that wish to test their non-choice students. Ordering information can be found at: <https://www.cesa6.org/services/wi-forward-exam/order-form.cfm>.

See the [Forward Exam webpage](#) for calendar dates, information, and resources.

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](#)
- [COVID-19 Assessment FAQ](#)

ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

New:

Final Preview Reports Available in SAFE

The final school and district accountability preview reports have been released securely in [SAFE, the Secure Access File Exchange](#). As a reminder, preview reports are **not report cards**. These informational reports use data from prior years (i.e., 2018-19 assessment results) to demonstrate future report card design and calculation changes. Sample preview reports are available publicly on our [Accountability Resources webpage](#), along with updated resources to help you understand and explain the preview reports.

If you have questions about the preview reports please contact the [Office of Educational Accountability](#) or your [Accountability Trainer](#). If you have questions about accessing SAFE, please use the [DPI help desk](#).



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