



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

February 5, 2025

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment

Reminder:

District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Confidentiality Agreement

The [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) Confidentiality Agreement](#) from all DACs is due March 1. All DACs who have not yet submitted the 2024-25 DAC Confidentiality Agreement should do so no later than March 1. The form may be completed and signed electronically using Acrobat Reader. Be sure to select the appropriate options on the ACT/PreACT Secure agreement prior to signing. The entire seven-page document needs to be submitted to [Duane Dorn](#) once signed. All other confidentiality forms (SACs, DTCs, STCs, etc.) remain individual forms, may be completed electronically, and once completed are to be retained at the school/district level.

ACT

Reminders:

Online Testing Site Readiness Service

ACT will provide Wisconsin schools with an optional Online Testing Site Readiness Service. This service will allow districts to connect directly with an ACT Customer Support Specialist trained in the technical requirements and support of online administration. This service is optional and interested districts will need to opt-in to it. ACT will send DACs an email (onlinetestsupport@act.org) on January 29 with additional information and instructions on how to participate. DPI encourages districts to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure they are ready for online testing.

Upcoming ACT Trainings

Visit the [DPI ACT Training webpage](#) to register for these upcoming ACT trainings:

- Test Administration #2 webinar - February 11, 10-11am.
- Office Hours - Testing Virtual Students - February 18, 10-11am.

Student Preparation and Sample Tests

Free ACT practice tests and preparation materials can be found on the [DPI ACT Practice Tests and Sample Items webpage](#).

PreACT Secure

Reminders:

Student Roster Upload

DPI loaded PreACT Secure student rosters into PAnext on January 24. Schools can now begin verifying rosters and assigning accommodations. Instructions and resources on how to complete these tasks can be found on the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure webpage](#) under Step 2, Configuration: Verify Enrollment Counts and Step 3, Accommodations: Set Up Accommodations and EL Supports.

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Forward Exam

Reminders:

Important Set-up Information for Districts Using iPads

District and School technology staff should take the time to review the [Tech Bulletin: Cross-Website and Device Supervision Update for DRC INSIGHT on iPads](#). Sites using iPadOS 16.2 and higher no longer need to enable Cross-Website Tracking as long as the device is supervised and the domains are relaxed following the instructions in this tech bulletin. The tech bulletin includes an additional step to relax an app id when enabling device supervision. This step was only recently identified and therefore was not included in the [Technology User Guide](#) (Volume III, pages 34-35).

The new option to relax domains/app id is optional for districts that have Mobile Device Management (MDM) software compatible with this new functionality, but it is not required if things worked well for you last year. If you choose not to use this new functionality, or if you are using iPadOS 16.1.2 and below, you need to continue to enable Cross-Website tracking on iPads individually.

The required iPad settings apply to any site that administers both WIDA and Wisconsin Forward testing (if you have both WIDA and Wisconsin listed as locations in your Central Office Services configuration).

Optional Add Accessibility Features Window Begins February 10

During this **optional** window (February 10-21), districts may use the Multiple Student Upload process to upload designated supports and accommodations for multiple students at one time into the DRC INSIGHT Portal. This two-week optional window is the only time this method of uploading accessibility features is available. As a reminder, Text-to-Speech is now a Universal Support for all students and does not need to be assigned in the Portal. If you choose not to take advantage of the window, you may still enter supports and accommodations into the DRC INSIGHT Portal on an individual student or “mass assign” basis as needed, beginning March 3. Instructions for all three processes are available in the [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#).

Read Aloud (Human Reader) Accommodation Prior Approval

The Read Aloud **accommodation** is different from the Read Aloud designated support. The accommodation is only available to a student with a visual impairment who is receiving instruction in contracted braille but not yet proficient, and whose need is documented in an IEP or 504 plan. The student must meet all five criteria on the [Request for Read Aloud Accommodation Form for the Forward Exam](#). Students who do not meet all criteria but require Read Aloud (a human reader) should use the Read Aloud designated support.

Educator Involvement Opportunities

DPI is still recruiting a diverse group of educators from all over Wisconsin (including English learner and special education teachers) to participate in the Forward Exam **Alignment Study (deadline to apply is February 7)** and New Item Review (deadline to apply is May 2). 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. More information, including how to apply, is available on the [Forward Exam Educators Involvement webpage](#). Please share this information with your educators.

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 [Forward Exam Order Form](#).

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
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
February 10-21	Optional Add Accessibility Features window	Forward
February 10	Begin creating test sessions for online testing: Test Window 1	ACT
February 11	Test Administration #2 Training Webinar	ACT
February 17	ACT begins shipping Test Window 1 test materials	ACT
February 17	Paper accommodated test material ordering window opens	PreACT Secure
February 25	PreACT Secure Technical Readiness Webinar	PreACT Secure
February 28	Deadline to order additional paper test materials: Test Window 1	ACT
March 3	Access to DRC INSIGHT Portal test sessions, student information, and ability to assign individual student accessibility features	Forward



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