

## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### ACT with writing

#### New:

#### Close of Test Window 2

Materials for both paper accommodations and online testing are scheduled to be picked-up by FedEx on April 5. If your materials are not picked-up, please reach out to ACT immediately to schedule a pick-up: (800) 553-6244, ext. 2800. ACT will not score late arriving answer documents.

#### Student Scores

Students will receive their ACT scores 3-8 weeks after testing. Scores will be mailed to students and will also be available in each student's MyACT account. Students who were unable to create a MyACT account or send their scores to at least one college, will receive an additional opportunity to send their scores to four colleges for free. ACT will include a voucher for sending scores to colleges along with the printed score report that is mailed to students. Instructions for using the voucher will be included with the score report.

#### Reminders:

#### Make-Up Testing

##### Paper Testing Only:

- Standard Administration: April 13, May 5
- Paper Accommodations: April 13-16, 19-23; May 5-7, 10-11
- Reference the [Schedule of Events](#) for deadlines on when to reorder testing materials

##### Online Testing:

- April 13-15 and 20-22
- Order an [Online Testing Materials Return Kit](#)

#### Online Testing - Post-Test

Once all testing for Test Window 2 has been completed, Technical Coordinators must purge all test content from all proctor-caching computers.

#### Non-Tested Students

If you have students on your roster who will not take the ACT during the testing windows, you will need to mark those students as not tested in PANext. Please follow the instructions outlined in the [How to Enter Not Tested Codes](#) document to complete this process.

# Aspire

## Reminders:

### Preparing for Testing:

The Aspire testing window will open on April 5 and run until May 19.

### Tech Readiness

Technical Coordinators should review the Technical Readiness Guide and TestNav system requirements and run a mock administration prior to testing. All technical site readiness resources are found on the [Wisconsin ACT Aspire webpage](#).

### Staff Training

Train all testing staff (new and experienced) before test day. Test Coordinators should review and implement all training topics outlined under the Staff Training Requirement section of the [Aspire Test Coordinator Manual](#). Recordings of all webinars and task specific tutorials can be found on the [Wisconsin ACT Aspire webpage](#).

### Test Sessions

Test Coordinators should be setting up test sessions and assigning students to those test sessions. Please see the [Aspire Test Coordinator Manual](#) for directions or view the training tutorials found on the [Wisconsin ACT Aspire webpage](#) under Preparation.

### Preparing Students

Exemplar items for ACT Aspire are available on the [DPI ACT Aspire Practice Tests/Sample Items webpage](#).

## Forward Exam

### New:

#### Tips for Forward Testing

- Ensure device resolution is 1024 x 768 or better (see testing device requirements in the [System Requirements](#)) and that the zoom is 100% to allow test questions to render correctly.
- Have IT staff verify that “Allow App to Manage Power” is turned off (see [Technology User Guide](#) Volume III Step 20) to prevent Chromebooks from going to “sleep” during testing.)
- Accessibility features must be entered on an individual student basis or with the mass upload of common features (see [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#) pg. 18-19). The Multiple Student Upload (MSU) cannot be used to upload accommodations and supports during the test window.
- All purge requests must go through DPI (see [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#) pg. 33-35).
- If you plan to do the practice test with students immediately prior to the testing, DO NOT distribute test tickets until you are ready to begin the actual Forward Exam.
- Set-up and device readiness – (See also [Preparing Virtual Student Devices for On-site Testing](#)).
  - Verify the necessary URLs are allowed on firewalls and content filters
  - Verify software updates and Operating System updates have been applied
  - Verify the DRC INSIGHT software is installed on testing devices and is up to date
  - If local firewalls are used on COS Service Devices and/or testing device make sure they do not restrict testing traffic
  - Verify the right test content is downloaded and current using COS Content Management
  - Perform a system readiness check on student devices when they come on site and prior to testing

## Reminders:

### Forward Exam Test Window Open

The Forward Exam Test Window opened March 22. All testing must be completed by May 14. As a reminder, OEA has provided additional flexibility to the window by allowing districts to request additional in-person evening or weekend testing (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings until 8:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm). Refer to the [COVID-19 Assessment Update webpage](#) for more information on extended testing hours and all other Forward Exam administration changes for 2021.

### Accessing Forward Exam Practice Tests on iPads

For students using iPads, the Online Tools Training (OTT) and Item Samplers should be accessed through the DRC INSIGHT App on the student's device or the public URL using a Safari browser.

### Preparing Virtual Student Devices for On-site Testing

DRC has released a [technology bulletin](#) that provides guidance for districts about preparing virtual learner's devices for on-site Forward testing.

### Forward Accommodation Requests

For those extremely rare situations where a student may need print-on-demand, listening script, Read Aloud accommodation, or an accommodation not in the Accessibility Guide, there is a special protocol to request approval for the use of these accommodations. Refer to the [Accessibility Guide](#) for more information about these accommodations. If a student requires the use of one of these uncommon accommodations, the DAC must submit a [Request for Approval Form](#).

## 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](#)



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