



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Accountability

Reminder:

Opportunity for Educator Involvement

The Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) is seeking a diverse group of education leaders to serve on the 2025 Wisconsin Accountability Standard Setting Panel. This group will be required to participate in two sessions: a virtual workshop in June and an in-person standard setting session in August in Madison. The panel will provide input on performance expectations for the state's school and district report card accountability system. This work has been previewed in past report card resources, including the [What's New for the 2023-24 School and District Report Cards?](#) and the [2023-24 Communicating With Your Community](#) docs.

For more information and to apply, please visit the [Opportunity for Educator Involvement webpage](#). The deadline to apply is **April 30, 2025**. If you have any questions about the application process or the responsibilities of panelists, please contact our team at reportcardhelp@dpi.wi.gov.

ACT

New:

ACT Test Administration Update

We are in the third and final ACT testing window of spring 2025. Around 86% of all testing has been completed. **DACs should review test participation at each of their schools and assist schools with make-up testing efforts.** Use the [Dashboard feature in PearsonAccess^{next}](#) for a quick and easy way to view participation at both a school and district level. Any students who did not take the ACT in Test Window 1 or 2, must be tested by the end of the 3rd window ending **Friday, April 18**.

Testing Remaining Students with Online Testing

Schools should switch any students who have not completed testing over to online testing for make-ups. Review the [Switching from Paper to Online Testing](#) document for instructions.

Online Testing - Post Test Reminders

It is important that at the conclusion of online testing all students who tested are showing their tests in 'completed' status, and that all test sessions have been stopped and locked. Do **not** mark absent students' tests completed. If there are students in test sessions that did not test, you must remove them from the test session before you can stop and lock the session. Instructions for these steps are outlined in the [ACT Online Testing Administration Manual](#).

Final ACT Testing Window Dates:

- April 8: Paper standard testing - **concluded**.
- April 8-11, 14-18: Paper accommodated testing.
- April 8-11, 14-18: Online standard and accommodated testing.
- Student MyACT account registrations must be completed within two days post testing.
- Review the [2025 ACT Schedule of Events](#) for all Test Window 3 tasks and deadlines.

Student Scores

Students' scores are received 5-8 weeks post testing. Scores will be sent electronically to their MyACT accounts, and a paper copy will be sent to their home address. Schools will see scores filter into [Success.ACT](#) within one week of students receiving scores in MyACT and receive a hard copy of the students' reports to retain as record. Note: ACT tests are scored in batches and **not all student scores may be received at the same time**. If a student has not received a score after eight weeks, please contact ACT directly at 319-337-1590.

Entering Not Tested Codes

Students who did not take the ACT during any of the three testing windows, will need to be marked as "not tested" in PAnext. Please follow the instructions outlined in the [ACT Administration Supplement - Entering Not Tested Codes](#) to complete this process.

PreACT Secure

New:

PreACT Secure Administration Update

PreACT Secure testing is off to a great start with 66% of all testing complete. Thank you to all of the districts and staff who have completed testing so far. Please test early in the window to allow adequate time for make-up sessions. All testing must be completed by April 25. See the [2025 PreACT Secure Schedule of Events](#) for all testing dates and tasks.

Reminder:

Post Testing

Once testing is complete:

- Complete all test administration forms for each testing room and collect materials.
- Enter any test irregularity reports into PearsonAccess^{next} (paper and online). [Online Administration Manual](#) (p. 39).
- Upload seating diagrams into PAnext - (online testing).
- Prepare and return all **paper accommodated secure materials** to ACT (p. 31 of [Test Coordinator Manual](#)).

Note: Do not return any online testing materials to ACT. Retain testing staff lists and agreements onsite for one year and destroy secure testing materials within 72 hours. See [Test Coordinator Information Manual](#) (p. 32) for complete instructions.

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam Administration Update

The Forward Exam test window opened on March 17. In the first three weeks of testing, 92% of districts started testing and 40% of all testing has been completed. Please test early in the window to allow adequate time for make-up sessions. All testing must be completed by April 25.

Student Began Testing With/Without Accessibility Feature

If a student starts a content area of the Forward Exam without an accessibility feature they were supposed to be assigned, or with a feature assigned by mistake, please refer to the Decision Tree in Appendix E of the [Test Administration Manual](#). An embedded accessibility feature (e.g., Stacked Translation) cannot be added or removed after the student enters the test and DPI will need to be contacted for options.

Reminders:

New Resource - Student Status Dashboard Guide

This is a reminder that there is a new Student Status Dashboard in the DRC INSIGHT Portal which can be found under Scoring and Reporting > Reporting Services > Operational Dashboard. Instructions for using the new Student Status Dashboard in the DRC INSIGHT Portal are now available as a handout on the [Forward Exam Resources webpage](#).

2024-25 End of Testing Survey

DRC and DPI are seeking feedback from districts and schools about the 2025 Forward Exam Test Administration. The 2024-25 End of Testing Surveys includes questions about testing experiences, technology, resources, the DRC Help Desk, and more. We estimate the survey will take approximately five minutes and is intended to be completed by anyone who was involved in the testing. There are three surveys based on one's role.

- [District and School Assessment Coordinators After Testing Survey](#)
- [District and School Technology Coordinators After Testing Survey](#)
- [Test Administrators/Proctors After Testing Survey](#)

Please share the appropriate links with SACs, Technology Staff, and Test Administrators. Thank you in advance for providing constructive feedback that will allow us to serve you better.

Forward Exam 10th Grade Social Studies

This is an important reminder to ensure your 10th grade students are able to participate in the Forward Social Studies Exam. Allow time in your 10th grade testing schedules for the Forward Exam. All testing must be completed by April 25.

Disable Background Applications on Testing Devices

Before testing, districts must ensure that background processes and features are disabled on student testing devices. Examples include instructional software (e.g., Grammarly), AI features (e.g., Microsoft Copilot), and screen readers (e.g., Chromevox, VoiceOver). These examples are not a comprehensive list. See page 22 of the Forward Exam Technology User Guide Volume 1, available on the [Forward Exam Technology Resources webpage](#), for more information.

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
DRC INSIGHT Portal New Operational Dashboard Instructional Handout	Information on how to use the new student status dashboard.	Forward
Chromebook Tech Bulletin	Chromebook Rendering Issues and Troubleshooting Steps Tech Bulletin.	Forward

Educator Involvement Application	Educators may apply for New Item Review.	Forward
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Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
April 18	Final day of ACT testing	ACT
April 25	Forward, DLM, and PreACT Secure test windows close	WSAS
April 25	District window to opt-out of receiving paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) closes	Forward
April 25	Final day to enter Not Tested Codes	ACT
April 30	Deadline to apply for the 2025 Wisconsin Accountability Standard Setting Panel (educator involvement opportunity)	Accountability
May 2	Deadline to apply for Forward Exam New Item Review (educator involvement opportunity)	Forward
May 2	Final day to enter Not Tested Codes	PreACT Secure
May 13	May Demographics Snapshot - assessment demographics on accountability reports (including the School and District Accountability Reports) are collected from WISE	WSAS and Accountability
May 27	ISRs and Summary Data available in the DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
May 30	PreACT Secure ISRs and data files final in ACT Online Reporting (Success)	PreACT Secure
June 3	ACT school and district aggregated data available in ACT's Online Reporting System (Success)	ACT



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