



# Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

April 14, 2022

## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### ACT with writing

#### New:

##### Testing to Date

Approximately 85% of students have tested so far. Thank you for your continued support administering the ACT this year!

#### Reminders:

##### Final ACT Test Window

Any students who did not take the ACT in Test Window 1 or 2, will need to test during the final ACT test window (Test Window 3). Tuesday, April 12 was the final ACT paper standard time testing date, but schools can still schedule online testing through **April 21**. Please see the [2022 ACT Schedule of Events](#) for all Test Window 3 accommodated and online testing dates. Instructions on how to switch students from paper testing to online testing are outlined in the [Switching from Paper to Online Testing](#) document.

##### Entering Not Test 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.

##### 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. Approximately one week after student scores are released, scores will be posted to Online Reporting (Success.ACT) for schools and districts.

### Aspire

#### New:

##### Aspire Testing Progress

We are off to a great start! Week one of Aspire testing was a success, and many schools and districts are testing this week. Testing must be completed by May 4.

##### Tip - Updates to Student Profiles

Any changes made to a student's PNP/profile must be made prior to the student being enrolled into a test session. If you need to make changes to a student's profile (e.g., updating PNP) you must remove that student from any test sessions prior to making any changes. Any updates made to a student's profile while still enrolled in a test session will not be applied. Once a student is removed from a test session and profile changes have been made, you can add the student back into their

test sessions and reprint the student's authorization tickets. A new authorization ticket must be printed any time a student is added to a test session.

## Reminders:

### Transfer Student Requests

Test Coordinators should be actively reviewing and approving student transfer requests in a timely fashion. Please log in to the Aspire portal to confirm you do not have any open transfer requests pending. Transfer requests will be found under Setup>Work Requests. Instructions on how to approve transfer requests can be found on page 47 of the [Aspire Test Coordinator Manual](#).

### Technology Tips

Please review the [Technology Tips for Test Day](#) document. These technology tips will help ensure testing is smooth or address any errors on test day.

## Forward Exam

### New:

#### Forward Exam Test Window Now Open

The Forward Exam Test Window opened March 21. Districts are doing a great job testing students. Within the first three weeks of the test window, 90% of districts started testing and 41% of all testing has been completed. All testing must be completed by April 29.

#### Updated iPadOS 15.4 Guidance

For districts who updated to iPadOS 15.4 or 15.4.1, DRC has provided further guidance in addition to the previously communicated workaround. Please refer to the DRC communication that was sent to DACs and DTCs on April 12, regarding the updated guidance and previously communicated workaround instructions. If you did not receive this communication and your district has iPads that have updated to iPadOS 15.4 or 15.4.1, please contact the DRC Help Desk immediately. If your school has not yet updated to iPadOS 15.4 or 15.4.1, please wait to perform this update until after Forward testing is completed.

#### Social Studies Standard Setting Educator Involvement Opportunity - Deadline April 14

This is the final week for Wisconsin educators to apply to participate in the Forward Exam Virtual Standard Setting in Social Studies. The Standard Setting process is used to establish cut scores that separate students into four achievement levels (Below Basic, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced) and will focus on achievement standards for Social Studies in grades 4, 8, and 10. Fifteen applicants will be selected for each grade level for a total of 45 educators. We are looking for a diverse group of educators from all over Wisconsin (including English learner (EL) and special education teachers). More information is available on the [Forward Exam Educator Involvement webpage](#). **Applications and resumes must be submitted by April 14.**

## Reminder:

### Shut Down Background Apps

Please ensure all apps running in the background are stopped prior to testing. These apps include but are not limited to:

- Automatic Operating System Updates
- Intelligent personal assistant (IPA) software (e.g., Siri, Cortana)
- Collaboration tools - e.g., Zoom, MS Teams, Google Chat, Google Meet
- Microsoft Game Bar
- Other Background Processes - e.g., virtual keyboards, grammar tools (e.g., Grammarly), classroom monitoring tools

## Accountability Updates

### New:

#### Spring Demographic Snapshot May 24

DPI will conduct the WISEdata Spring Demographic Snapshot Tuesday, May 24. Please take this opportunity to review your student data to ensure your enrollment and demographic values are up-to-date and accurate for the snapshot. These data will be used to make sure that demographics associated with, and reported for, assessment results are as accurate and timely as possible. For more information on the snapshot, including data elements and resources, please read [this snapshot announcement](#) from the DPI Customer Service team. If you have any questions in preparation for the snapshot, please [submit a help ticket](#).

## Assessment and Accountability COVID-19 Related Updates

For assessment and accountability COVID-19 Updates please visit:

- [COVID-19 - Assessment Updates and Resources](#)

## Important Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Assessment
March 21 - April 29	Forward Exam Test Window	Forward
April 4 -May 4	Aspire Test Window	Aspire
April 13	Return ACT standard time test materials (April 12 test date)	ACT
April 12-15, 18-22	Test Window 3 - Paper Accommodated Testing	ACT
April 12-14,19-21	Test Window 3 - Online Standard and Online Accommodated Testing	ACT
April 21	Purge Test Window 3 test content	ACT
April 25	Return ACT paper accommodated and online testing test materials for Test Window 3	ACT



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