



## Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

April 21, 2022

### WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

## The Importance of Test Participation

As test windows for statewide assessments draw to a close (Online ACT testing concludes **April 21**, Paper Accommodated ACT testing concludes on **April 22**, Forward testing concludes on **April 29**, Aspire testing concludes **May 4**), we would like to remind districts to allow time for make-up testing to ensure all students are tested.

We want to thank you for your effort to administer the statewide assessments. We also continue to reinforce the importance of student participation in testing because test participation matters for performance data validity. Students are required to participate in the statewide assessments according to State law (Wis. Stat. § 118.30).

Please direct assessment related questions to [osamail@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:osamail@dpi.wi.gov) and accountability questions to [oeamail@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:oeamail@dpi.wi.gov).

## ACT with writing

### Reminder:

#### Final ACT Test Window

The final online testing window for ACT will conclude on **Thursday, April 21** and the Paper Accommodated Test window will conclude on **Friday, April 22**. Any students who did not take the ACT will need to test this week. Instructions on how to switch students from paper testing to online testing are outlined in the [Switching from Paper to Online Testing](#) document.

## Aspire

### New:

#### Aspire Testing Progress

Many schools and districts are testing this week. Testing must be completed by **Wednesday, May 4**.

#### Tip - Timing in TestNav vs. PAnext

Students' individual tests are timed by their own TestNav app, not the Dashboard which Room Supervisors see in PearsonAccessNext (PAnext). The Dashboard in PAnext is **approximate** timing, based on the time the student logged in to TestNav and the time they submit (or are forced to submit due to time expiring) their test. As long as Room Supervisors can confirm that TestNav is accurate for each student, there is no concern about timing.

## Reminder:

### 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.

## Forward Exam

### New:

#### Forward Exam Test Window

The Forward Exam Test Window opened March 21. Schools are doing a great job testing students. Within the first four weeks of the test window, 80% of all testing has been completed. All testing must be completed by **Friday, April 29**.

#### Tasks that Must be Completed Prior to the End of the Testing Window

The testing window will be ending April 29 at 5pm (seven testing days remain). Prior to the end of the window all schools should:

- Utilize the Student Status Dashboard (see p. 32 of the [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#)) in the DRC INSIGHT Portal to:
  - Monitor testing progress for each school and identify students that still need to complete test sessions.
  - Identify students who need a Not-Tested Code (NTC) applied. Students must be in a test session in order to view, assign, or edit their NTC. Information on assigning NTCs is available on p. 32 of the [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#).
- Check student demographic data for completeness and accuracy. Reporting in the DRC INSIGHT Portal and on Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be based on student demographics as they are found in the DRC INSIGHT Portal. Accountability reporting will be based primarily on student data submitted to DPI through the WISEdata system.

## Reminders:

### 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.

### 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

## Reminder:

### 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 21	ACT Online Testing, Test Window 3 Closes	ACT
April 21	Purge Test Window 3 test content once testing is complete	ACT
April 22	ACT Paper Accommodated Testing, Test Window 3 Closes	ACT
April 25	Return ACT paper accommodated and online testing test materials for Test Window 3	ACT



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