

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

ACT with writing

Reminders:

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.

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](#)

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

New:

Student Transfers

It is important that Test Coordinators review and approve student transfer requests promptly. Test Coordinators will be notified of any transfer requests via email and will receive a notification in the Aspire PAnext portal. Please follow the instructions on page 47 of the [Aspire Test Coordinator Manual](#) to process a transfer. As a reminder, do not approve transfer requests for students who have completed testing.

Reminders:

The Aspire testing window opened on April 5 and will 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](#).

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.

Forward Exam

New:

No Text-Dependent Analysis (long write) Session for the 2021 Administration

To reduce the workload on educators and students and reduce testing times in 2021, the Text Dependent Analysis (TDA) session has been removed from the Forward ELA Exam for one year.

Please ensure all staff are aware of this change. It is important that ELA educators and Test Administrators know about this change prior to preparing for the exam. The TDA will be included in the 2022 Forward Exam.

Reminders:

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](#) pp. 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](#) pp. 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

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.

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](#)

ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

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