

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

New:

Vendor-Based Assessment Reporting Timeline

The 2020-21 Vendor-Based Reporting Information is now available under the Wisconsin State Assessment Timelines on the [Assessment webpage](#). The reporting timeline provides an overview of the 2021 spring testing reports available from vendors. This document outlines the following for the various reports:

- Report description
- Report format
- Where to access the report
- The anticipated date/timeline of the report release date
- Recommended use of the report

As assessment reports become available in the secure portals, please be aware that DPI will publicly release the statewide assessment results in the fall. **Until this public release, do not release your school's assessment results to the public.** Data security and student privacy requirements as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state law must be maintained when results are shared publicly. More information about maintaining student data privacy is available on the [Student Data Privacy webpage](#).

The vendor-based data reporting mentioned above is separate from the extensive processes involved here at DPI. As the final data files are being delivered to DPI from each of the vendors, DPI staff are beginning to prepare the data for reporting in WISEdash for Districts, the WISEdash Public Portal, and Accountability Report Cards. Public reporting of assessment results must meet FERPA requirements regarding student data. DPI Data Warehouse and OEA are working to load, clean, quality assure (QA), and report data in time for the public release.

ACT with writing

New:

Testing Progress:

May 5 marked the final ACT testing date for this year's administration. OEA would like to thank all of the schools and testing staff for your hard work and dedication in administering the ACT this year.

Test Window 4

Test Window 4 (May 5) standard testing has concluded. Materials are scheduled to be picked up by FedEx on May 6. Students testing with accommodations have until May 11 to complete testing. Accommodated materials are scheduled to be returned May 12. If your materials are not picked up in a timely manner, please reach out to ACT immediately to schedule a FedEx pick-up: (800) 553-6244, ext. 2800. Late materials will not be accepted.

Students Not Testing:

Please remember to mark any students not taking the ACT with [Will Not Test Codes](#) no later than May 18.

Reminders:

ACT Score Reports

ACT mails score reports to students' home addresses 5-8 weeks after answer documents are returned to ACT. Results are also available to students online in the students' [MyACT](#) account. Students can use the [Using Your ACT Results](#) (also [available in Spanish](#)) booklet with their ACT score report to interpret their scores. 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.

School and District Reports

As student scores are processed by ACT, schools and districts will be able to see student scores in [Success.ACT](#). High School Checklist Report, High School Student Reports, and Student Score Labels will be mailed to schools 5-8 weeks after answer documents are returned to ACT. Aggregate reports by school and district (now called Contract Reports) will be available in Success.ACT and PANext by mid-July. For a complete list of reporting deadlines and how to access reports, please reference the [ACT Score Report Schedule](#). Resources for how to interpret ACT data can be found on the [Wisconsin ACT Website](#). Information on Wisconsin cut scores and performance levels for the ACT with writing can be found on the [ACT Data Proficiency webpage](#).

Aspire

New:

Testing Updates

We have approximately two weeks left of the Aspire testing window. Thank you to all of the schools and testing staff who have been working tirelessly to get students tested!

Aspire Paper Test Materials

The last day to order accommodated paper testing materials for Aspire is May 7. Once accommodated paper testing has been completed, please follow the instructions outlined in [Aspire Test Coordinator Manual](#) on how to return paper testing materials. All paper testing materials must be returned to ACT by May 26.

Post Testing Reminders

Once your school has completed Aspire testing, please remember to perform the [post-test clean up tasks](#) listed below. Instructions on how to complete these tasks can be found in the [Aspire Test Coordinator Manual](#). Please refer to the [Aspire Schedule of Events](#) for all post-test task deadlines.

- Remove students not testing from test sessions
- Close all test sessions
- Complete any irregularity reports
- Mark students not testing with Will Not Test Codes
- Mark applicable students tests as Do Not Report
- Complete all transfer requests

Forward Exam

New:

Testing Progress

Forward Testing is going well as we enter week seven. Over 98% of districts are currently testing or have completed testing. Several districts are taking advantage of the extended testing hours.

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

The testing window will be ending at 5:00 pm on May 14. Prior to that all districts must:

- Monitor testing progress for each school. Instructions for using the Student Status Dashboard start on page 41 of the [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#).
- Verify that all sessions within a content area have been completed and identify students who need to complete test sessions.
- Identify students who need to have a Not-Tested Code (NTC) applied. Students must be in a test session in order to view, assign, or edit their not-tested code (see page 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 will be based on student demographics as they are found in the DRC INSIGHT Portal. Accountability and WISEdash reporting will be based primarily on student data submitted to DPI through the WISEdata system.

Reminders:

Not-Tested Codes for Students

Any student that does not complete testing must have a not-tested code entered into the DRC INSIGHT Portal. Any student who starts but does not complete a full content area by the end of the testing window, we recommend invalidation, as an incomplete test will not be an accurate reflection of the student's ability. You will need to talk to the parent and make them aware of the reason for the invalidation prior to them receiving student reports. If you choose to score the test as is, you need to contact the parent also to let them know the score is not reflective of the student's ability as it was incomplete. Use the not-tested reason of "other" for situations where a more specific code is not applicable.

Electronic Individual Student Reports (ISR) - Separate Format Option

All districts will receive large electronic PDFs in the DRC INSIGHT Portal that contain all ISRs within one file, and files broken down by school and grade. Districts may choose to request additional **separate** electronic PDFs of the ISR for each student. This format allows for easier upload of the ISRs to your student information system (SIS) or secure parent portal. If you would like to receive separate PDF's for each student, you must [complete and submit a Request Form](#). Forms can be submitted from May 3 – June 15.

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

WISEdash Snapshot - June 3

Snapshots of information submitted through WISEdata are used in the state accountability system and to fulfill public reporting requirements. It is important that your school's student information system is up-to-date and transmitting to WISEdata without error. On June 3, DPI will take a snapshot of all demographic data for students in all grades. This snapshot marks a good end-of-school-year opportunity to confirm the accuracy of demographics for all students. Additionally, these data will be used to make sure that demographics associated with, and reported for, assessment results are as accurate and timely as possible.

DPI staff are reviewing current data in preparation for the snapshot and sending messages to schools that may have some data submission issues, but everyone can work on their data quality, with a focus on addressing validation errors. Remember there are resources available to you on the [DPI Snapshot Preparation Guidance page](#).

The [WISEdata Events Calendar](#) also includes ways to connect with DPI and other schools. Accurate data improves public reporting and reduces time spent on inquiries during the busy first months of the school year when preliminary report cards are released to schools. If you have any questions in preparation for the June 3 WISEdata snapshot, please [submit a help ticket](#).



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