

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Summer Communications

The Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) wishes you all a happy summer. Thank you for everything you did this year for Wisconsin's students. We will send the Assessment Update periodically throughout the summer when we have assessment and accountability information to share. This will be the last weekly issue for the 2020-21 school year.

ACT with writing

New:

Invoices Due

Schools that tested their non-choice students were recently sent an invoice. If your school has received an invoice for testing, please submit payment to the Department as soon as possible.

Reminders:

July National Testing Vouchers:

DPI is providing vouchers for July ACT National testing for any 11th grade choice students who were not able to participate in the statewide ACT administration this spring. If you still need student vouchers, please contact [Nikki Braconier](#) as soon as possible. **Students must register for testing by June 18, 2021.**

ACT Retakes on National Test Dates

If you have any students who want to take the ACT again this summer or in the fall of their senior year, please take note of the following:

- **Fee waivers** are available to students with financial need. Schools order fee waivers and distribute them to students. Fee waivers are one of the "support materials" schools can order online. Ordering instructions and more information about fee waivers are found on the [ACT Website](#).
- Free ACT prep materials are available to students through [MyACT](#).
- National testing dates and registration information can be found on the [ACT Website](#).
- Only the statewide, grade 11, ACT test is used for accountability.

Aspire

Reminder:

Score Reports Delivery

Reports will be available in the [Aspire PAnext portal](#) July 6. Schools should download and print Individual Student Reports (ISR) and distribute them to students and families. A sample ISR cover letter is available for school and district use on the [DPI Aspire Data and Results webpage](#). There are a number of additional reports that can be retrieved from the portal including skill and subject proficiencies by groups, by demographics, and by student. The [Summative Reports Guide](#) lists all the reports that are available. Reporting resources can be found on the [Aspire ACT webpage](#).

Forward Exam

Reminders:

Forward Reporting Resources

[The User's Guide to Interpreting Reports](#), available June 22, is designed to help district and school staff access, understand, explain, and interpret the results of the Forward Exam. This document highlights the types of scores and various reports associated with the assessment. To use assessment information effectively, it is essential that educators understand the information in these reports.

When sending Individual Student Reports (ISRs) home, districts should make use of the resources created to help parents/guardians understand their child's Forward Exam results. All parent/guardian resources are available in English, Spanish, and Hmong versions. [Reporting resources for parents/guardians](#) include:

- **Sample ISR cover letter** - Sample Forward Exam cover letter that can be modified to include specific school or district needs.
- **What Is an Individual Student Report (ISR)?** - One page handout explaining the information included in the ISR.
- **Spanish or Hmong Translated ISR** - New this year, the translated ISR is produced containing no student data. Districts and schools may include a copy of the Spanish or Hmong translated ISR with the student's actual ISR (in English) so non-English speaking families are better able to access and understand their child's Forward Exam results.

Forward Exam Reports

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal on June 24. Hard copy ISRs will be delivered to districts by July 21. Be sure to send ISRs out to parents/guardians as soon as possible after receipt, either in hard copy or via your secure parent portal.

Districts have the option to request an additional electronic ISR file format delivery, which contains a separate PDF for each student ISR. This format allows for easier upload of the electronic ISRs to their student information system (SIS) or secure parent portal. [Complete the request form](#) by June 15, to receive the additional electronic ISR file format delivery.

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

School Year 2020-21 Accountability

As mentioned above, OEA will plan to send out any important accountability updates throughout the summer. This includes any potential updates to school year 2020-21 accountability requirements. As a reminder, DPI has been [granted a waiver](#) by the Department of Education from federal ESSA accountability provisions resulting from 2020-21 school year data. This waiver does **not** apply to state accountability provisions (i.e., report cards based on 2020-21 data) for this school year.

You can always find the latest information about this on our [Accountability COVID-19 page](#). For questions about state accountability, please contact us at oeaemail@dpi.wi.gov.



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