

## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### Spring 2021 Assessment Results

Spring assessment results will soon be available to schools (see individual assessment sections for specific dates). Please keep in mind that state summative assessments are only one measure of student achievement. For a comprehensive view of student achievement, assessment data should be used in conjunction with multiple measures such as interim and formative assessment data, classroom observations, and student grades.

When interpreting summary reports, use caution when participation rates are lower than usual. When participation rates are low, inferences about overall performance are less certain, especially when the composition of test takers is different compared to the underlying school population in 2021 or compared to the test population in prior years. Schools should also consider how mode of instruction and opportunity to learn may have influenced student performance. Please [contact OEA](#) with questions relating to the spring 2021 assessment results.

### ACT with writing

#### Reminders:

#### School and District Reports

Aggregate reports by school and district will be available in Success.ACT and PANext by **July 21**. 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 ACT with writing can be found on the [ACT Data Proficiency webpage](#).

#### 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](#) on **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

### New:

#### Forward Exam Reporting and Resources

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal on **June 24**. [The User's Guide to Interpreting Reports](#) is now available and designed to help district and school staff access, understand, explain, and interpret the results of the Forward Exam.

Hard copy Individual Student Reports (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 and schools should take advantage of the [reporting resources for parents/guardians](#). All parent/guardian resources are available in English, Spanish, and Hmong versions. The *Sample ISR cover letter* can be used "as is" or modified to include specific school or district information such as how the pandemic directly affected mode of instruction or opportunity to learn. This may help parents/guardians understand their child's Forward Exam results and how those changes may have affected their student's score.

## 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](#)

## Important Dates to Remember

Month	Day and Event	Assessment
June	22: User's Guide to Interpreting Results available	Forward
	24: ISRs are available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
July	6: ACT Aspire Reporting Available in PAnext	Aspire
	17-18: July ACT National Testing	ACT
	21: ACT Reporting Available in Success.ACT/PAnext	ACT
	21: Hard copy ISRs delivered to districts	Forward

# New Online Resource Highlights

As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience for a few weeks. This is NOT an exhaustive list but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
<a href="#">Sample ISR Cover Letter</a>	Sample Forward Exam cover letter that can be modified to include specific school or district needs.	Forward
<a href="#">What Is an Individual Student Report (ISR)?</a>	One page handout explaining the information included in the ISR.	Forward
<a href="#">Spanish or Hmong Translated ISR</a>	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
<a href="#">ACT Reporting Resources</a>	Link to ACT Reporting Resources.	ACT
<a href="#">Aspire ISR Cover Letter</a>	Sample Individual Student Report cover letter.	Aspire
<a href="#">Aspire Summative Reports Guide</a>	List and description of all Summative reports for ACT Aspire.	Aspire



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