Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools



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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

ACT

Reminder:

Reporting

ACT school and district aggregated vendor data is available in <u>ACT's Online Reporting System</u> (Success.ACT). Reference the <u>ACT Vendor Reporting Schedule</u> for a description of all available reports. Reporting resources can be found on the <u>Wisconsin ACT webpage</u> and the <u>DPI ACT Data and Results webpage</u>. Please refer to the <u>May 3 Assessment Update</u> for important reminders regarding sharing results from the Wisconsin Student Assessment System.

PreACT Secure

Reminders:

Reporting

PreACT Secure school and district summary reports, student level data files, and all student scores and Individualized Student Reports (ISRs) are now available in ACT's Online Reporting System (Success.ACT). Reporting resources can be found on the <u>Wisconsin PreACT Secure webpage</u> and the <u>DPI ACT Data and Results webpage</u>.

Student ISRs

Schools should download and print Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and distribute them to students and families. When sending ISRs home, districts should make use of the resources created to help parents/guardians understand their child's PreACT Secure results. The Using Your PreACT Secure Results (guide for students) and Sample Cover Letter are located on the DPI PreACT Secure Data and Results webpage.

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam Reports Available

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports were made available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal on June 16. Hard copy ISRs will be delivered to districts by July 14. Please share ISRs with parents/guardians as soon as possible after receipt, either in hard copy or via your secure parent portal. Districts may use the data for professional development and curriculum/instructional planning. Any staff viewing/working with Forward Exam results who have not signed a 2022-23 Forward Exam Confidentiality Form must complete the "Report User Confidentiality Form". These signed forms should be retained at the district or school. DPI will publicly release the statewide assessment results in the fall.

Forward Reporting Resources

The User's Guide to Interpreting Reports 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 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
- What Is an Individual Student Report (ISR)?
- Spanish or Hmong Translated ISR

Reminder:

Alignment with New ELA and Mathematics Standards

The spring 2024 Forward Exam for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics at grades 3-8 will be aligned to the new Wisconsin Standards for ELA (adopted in 2020) and Mathematics (adopted in 2021). Updated Forward Exam Practice Tests will be available in late fall on the Forward Exam Practice Tests webpage to help students prepare. More information about the newly aligned assessments will be communicated over the next several months.

DAC Contact Updates

Reminder:

Keeping Contact Information Updated During the Summer and into the 2023-24 School Year Please keep District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) contact information up to date over the summer and as staffing changes occur in the next school year. You may need to assign an Interim DAC to ensure your district receives updates while filling the DAC position for the 2023-24 school year. DAC contact information is used to verify who should have DAC level access to reports in the vendor portals. Complete a DAC Update form if any changes are needed for the coming months.

The 2023-24 annual <u>District Assessment Coordinator (DAC)</u> and <u>Technology Coordinator (DTC)</u> contact update forms may be submitted beginning July 1. If submitting earlier than July 1 for the next school year, please make note of the effective date on the update form. These forms are **required** for both new and returning DACs and DTCs, even if the information has not changed. The information provided is used to:

- Ensure DACs receive regular assessment and accountability updates, and
- Upload information into vendor portals to ensure DACs have annual permissions.

DAC and DTC Update forms must be signed by the Choice Administrator.

Districts should also remove permissions in the test vendor portals (or make inactive) from any individuals who are no longer employed by the district and adjust user roles to sync with staffing changes.

New Resources

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 upcoming test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
The User's Guide to Interpreting Reports	This guide is designed to help district and school staff access, understand, explain, and interpret the results of the Forward Exam.	Forward
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Important Dates to Remember

Be sure to refer to each specific assessment calendar for a complete list of key dates.

Date	Event	Program
June 16	Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports were made available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal	Forward
July 14	Hard copy ISRs delivered to districts	Forward



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