



# Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

July 18, 2024

## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### Assessment & Accountability

#### New:

##### Report Card Narrative Statement Collection in August

OEA plans to send out the optional report card narrative statement collection survey in August and as with last year, DACs will receive the link to submit a narrative for your school/district. As a reminder, this statement provides an opportunity for districts and schools to include information beyond what the data in the report card can capture. If you would like an advance start on preparing your statement(s), you can review last year's submissions on the [report card app](#).

As with prior years, this statement will be a maximum of 400 characters (including spaces), should only include characters found on a standard keyboard, and you can have unique statements for the district report card (if applicable) and any school report cards. We will update DACs in the next Assessment Update regarding the collection timeline beginning in August.

#### Reminders:

##### Updated Performance Levels for Statewide Assessments

Updated student performance level descriptors have been developed to describe student performance on statewide standardized assessments. The terms developing, approaching, meeting, and advanced are replace the previous, outdated terms. These updated performance levels will be used to report the Forward Exam, ACT, and PreACT Secure assessment data and results beginning with the 2023-24 administration. The DPI received overwhelming support for this change from Wisconsin educators, administrators, parents, families, and education partners in a survey. An informational resource describing the updated asset-based performance levels is available in the "What's New" section on the [Assessment in Wisconsin webpage](#).

##### OEA Communications

Thank you for supporting assessment and accountability work in schools and districts. This is the last summer issue of the Assessment Update. We will resume weekly Assessment Updates in mid-August. We hope you enjoy your summer and look forward to working with you all again next year.

##### DAC Contact Updates During the Summer and into the 2024-25 School Year

It is important to keep your District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) contact information up to date over the summer months and as staffing changes occur from 2023-24 to 2024-25.

Communications from OEA will be sent to DACs over the summer and into early fall regarding assessment and accountability, including information on data and reporting availability. You may need to assign an Interim DAC to ensure your district continues to receive updates while filling the DAC position for the 2024-25 school year. The DAC contact information is used to verify who

should have DAC level access to reports in the vendor portals. Be sure to complete a [DAC Update form](#) with the appropriate effective date noted if any changes are needed for the coming months.

The 2024-25 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) contact update forms](#) may be submitted by all districts beginning July 1. 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 District Administrator/Superintendent. 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.

## ACT

### Reminder:

Please visit the [ACT website](#) for ACT information, resources and dates.

## PreACT Secure

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## Forward Exam

### New:

#### Forward Reporting Resources

[The User's Guide to Interpreting Reports](#) will be available July 19 and 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 (e.g., sample ISR cover letter, translated ISR template).

### Reminders:

#### Translated Individual Student Report (ISR) Templates

Districts are responsible for the secure distribution of the ISRs to parents/guardians in a language they can understand and in a format that is accessible to them. Districts and schools may include a copy of the Spanish or Hmong translated ISR with the English ISR, so families have a better understanding of their student's results. If translated sample ISRs are needed in languages other than Spanish and Hmong, DACs must contact the [DRC Help Desk](#). Additional ISR translations will be made available as DRC fulfills district requests on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#). There are currently 16 additional languages that are available.

### Forward Exam Reports

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports are expected to be available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal July 26. Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts August 27. Districts are required to provide parents/guardians with a complete ISR in either a secure electronic version or paper version.

### 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
<a href="#">2024-25 Assessment Timelines</a>	2024-25 WSAS Assessment Timelines	All

### Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
July 19	The User's Guide to Interpreting Reports available	Forward
July 26	Electronic Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports available in DRC Portal	Forward
August 27	Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts	Forward



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