



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Spring 2021 Assessment Results

All schools should have received 2021 assessment results from vendors. We would like to remind you that state summative assessments are only one measure of student achievement and should be used in conjunction with multiple measures such as interim and formative assessment data, classroom observations, and student grades to gauge student learning.

[The 2020-21 Vendor-Based Reporting Information resource](#) provides an overview of the 2021 spring testing reports available from vendors and 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 and notify schools when results may be shared publicly. Until then, the public release of the assessment results is not permissible (this includes school boards). Schools may use the data for professional development and curriculum/instructional planning.

2021-22 Statewide Assessment Dates

The 2021-22 Statewide Assessment Schedule is posted on the [assessment homepage](#). Individual assessment windows for 2021-22 are posted on the specific assessment calendar webpage.

Reminder:

Schools should use caution when interpreting student summary reports, especially when the group of students who tested is not representative of the overall population of students. OEA plans to release resources that schools can use to inform their use of the 2021 statewide assessment data. These resources will be available on the [OEA website](#) and will be shared through the Assessment Update. Please [contact OEA](#) with questions relating to the spring 2021 assessment results.

ACT with writing

New:

ACT New Accommodations Policy

On July 21, ACT publicly announced changes to their ACT Accommodations Policy. Beginning with the 2021-22 testing year, students who already receive accommodations at their school under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act will automatically be eligible to receive the allowable testing accommodations when they register for the ACT with accommodations. In conjunction with the policy change, ACT is updating

its system for requesting accommodations to require less information and documentation to support requests submitted on behalf of students with a current IEP or 504 plan.

- [ACT's New Accommodations Policy Announcement](#)
- [ACT's New Policy for Requesting Accommodation](#)

Additional information and training on this new policy will be provided by ACT and DPI for the upcoming spring 2022 statewide ACT assessment.

Aspire

Reminder:

Score Reports Delivery

Reports were made available in the [Aspire PAnext portal](#) on **July 6**. Schools should download and print Individual Student Reports (ISRs) 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](#). ISRs should be provided to parents or guardians in a language they can understand and in a format that is accessible to them. 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:

Accessibility Guide

The 2021-22 Accessibility Guide is now available on the [Forward Exam Accommodations and Supports webpage](#). Please ensure ALL staff are made aware of and view the Accessibility Guide for the upcoming 2022 test administration.

Reminder:

Forward Exam Summary Reports and Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

Hard copy Individual Student Reports (ISRs) were delivered to schools in late July. **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. ISRs should be provided to parents or guardians in a language they can understand and in a format that is accessible to them.

Electronic ISRs and summary reports were made available in the DRC INSIGHT Portal in late June. [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.

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](#)

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
Sample ISR Cover Letter	Sample Forward Exam cover letter that can be modified to include specific school or district needs.	Forward
What Is an Individual Student Report (ISR)?	One page handout explaining the information included in the ISR.	Forward
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
ACT Reporting Resources	Link to ACT Reporting Resources.	ACT
Aspire ISR Cover Letter	Sample Individual Student Report cover letter.	Aspire
Aspire Summative Reports Guide	List and description of all Summative reports for ACT Aspire.	Aspire
Parent Materials	What is ACCESS, understanding scores, in 13 languages.	ACCESS



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