



# Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### Assessment

#### New:

##### Requirements for 2024-25 School year

For the 2024-25 school year, Parental Choice Schools will be required to administer to choice pupils the following assessments:

- [Wisconsin Forward Exam](#) for English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments in the spring of 2025 for grades 3-8.
- [Wisconsin Forward Exam](#) for Science in the spring of 2025 for grades 4 and 8.
- [Wisconsin Forward Exam](#) for Social Studies in the spring of 2025 for grades 4, 8 and 10.
- [PreACT Secure](#) in the spring of 2025 for 9th and 10th grade.
- [The ACT® with writing](#) in the spring of 2025 for 11th grade.

#### Reminder:

##### 2023-24 Statewide Assessment Data

DPI will publicly release the statewide assessment results in the fall. As such, DPI strongly recommends that schools coordinate their own public release with the DPI public release. After the secure release of results to schools and prior to the public release, DPI performs additional quality assurance, data validation, and data redaction when needed to protect student privacy.

Schools may share their summary assessment results with their school leadership prior to the DPI public release. Schools may not publicly share personally identifiable information and therefore would be responsible to ensure shared results are redacted to comply with data security and student privacy requirements, as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state law. More information about maintaining student data privacy is available on the [Student Data Privacy webpage](#).

School summary data may be shared with school staff who understand the data security and student privacy requirements outlined in FERPA and state law. This allows school staff to use the data for professional development, continuous improvement efforts, and other planning purposes. Schools may share individual student reports with parents or guardians, teachers, school leaders, and others with a legitimate interest.

Schools should not share statewide data reported in the vendor portals. This data has not yet been through DPI's quality assurance and validation process and is therefore subject to change. Final statewide results, which are used in accountability calculations, will be released in WISEdash in the fall.

## Annual DAC and DTC Contact Information Update Forms

The 2024-25 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and District Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) Update forms](#) must be submitted by October 7 to ensure the information is correct for the DPI upload to the vendor portals. These forms are required for both new and returning DACs and DTCs, even if the information has not changed, and must be signed by the District Administrator. See the [August 14 DAC Digest](#) for more information. This is not to be confused with the *DAC Confidentiality Form*, which is required closer to the testing windows.

## Assessment Professional Learning and Coaching Series 2024-25: Now Enrolling Districts

The Office of Educational Accountability and CESAs are offering a free Assessment Professional Development and Coaching Series to increase teacher and leader capacity in understanding how to create and use different types of classroom assessments. Please visit the [Strategic Assessment Professional Learning webpage](#) to learn more.

Professional Learning topics Include:

- Assessing Student Learning
- Performance Tasks
- Formative Assessment Practices
- Educator Created Interim Assessment

## Accountability

### Reminder:

#### Report Card - Optional Narrative Statement

DACs received an email on Thursday August 15th from "[ReportCardHelp@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:ReportCardHelp@dpi.wi.gov)" with instructions and a link to submit optional narrative statements that will appear at the top of the school and district report cards. If your district/school wishes to submit statements, please work with your District Administrator, principals, and other leadership to compose and submit these statements by **Friday September 6th**. For more information on the narrative statement, please see the [DAC Digest from August 14](#). If you did not receive a link, please email [ReportCardHelp@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:ReportCardHelp@dpi.wi.gov) to request a link for your district, independent charter school, or Choice school's narrative submission survey.

## ACT

### Reminder:

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

## PreACT Secure

### Reminder:

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

## Forward Exam

### New:

#### Accessibility Guide

The 2024-25 Accessibility Guide is now available on the [Forward Exam Accommodations and Supports webpage](#). Please ensure ALL staff are made aware of and review the Accessibility Guide for the 2025 test administration.

## Reminder:

### Forward Reports and Resources

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports were made available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal on July 26. The additional ISR zip file that provides individual ISRs by student (for posting on a secure parent portal) were made available in the DRC INSIGHT Portal on August 16. Hard copy ISRs will be shipped to districts on August 27. Districts are required to provide parents/guardians with a complete ISR in either a secure electronic version or paper version. Additional informational handouts and parent resources are available on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#).

## 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
<a href="#">How to Use 2023-24 Forward Exam Assessment Data</a>	Guide for appropriate uses and comparisons of the 2023-24 Forward Exam data.	Forward Exam
<a href="#">Wisconsin Forward Exam Updates</a>	Learn more information about recent changes to the Forward Exam test design.	Forward Exam
<a href="#">2024 Wisconsin Forward Exam Performance Level Standard Setting</a>	Learn more about the standard setting meeting in which educators aligned Forward Exam cut scores with updated standards.	Forward Exam

## Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
August 27	Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts	Forward
September 6	Report card narrative statements due (optional)	OEA
October 7	Annual DAC and DTC Update forms must be submitted	All



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