



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

August 30, 2023

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment

Reminder:

Requirements for 2023-24 School year

For the 2023-24 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 2023 for grades 3-8.
- [Wisconsin Forward Exam](#) for Science in the spring of 2024 for grades 4 and 8.
- [Wisconsin Forward Exam](#) for Social Studies in the spring of 2024 for grades 4, 8 and 10.
- [PreACT Secure](#) in the spring of 2024 for 9th and 10th grade.
- [The ACT® with writing](#) in the spring of 2024 for 11th grade.

Reminder:

Annual DAC and DTC Contact Information Update Forms

The 2023-24 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and District Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) Update forms](#) must be submitted by **October 6** 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.

The information provided is used to:

- Ensure DACs and DTCs are on the email lists which will provide them with regular assessment updates throughout the year.
- Upload DAC information into vendor portals to ensure DACs have 2023-24 permissions.

Important notes:

- DACs should remove permissions from and/or make inactive any individuals in vendor portals who are no longer employed by the district and adjust user roles to sync with recent staffing changes.

If DAC contact changes occur after form submission, a new form should be submitted to name a new or interim DAC.

Accountability

Reminder:

Report Card - Optional Narrative Statement

DACs received an email on Wednesday August 16th from DPI titled "Response Requested - Report Card Narrative Statements 2023" with instructions and a link to submit optional narrative statements that will appear at the top of the state report cards. If your school wishes to submit a

statement, please work with your School Administrator, principal, and other leadership to compose and submit these statements by **September 8**. If you did not receive a link, please email ReportCardHelp@dpi.wi.gov to request a link for your district, independent charter school, or choice school's narrative submission survey.

ACT

New:

2024 Accessibility Supports Guide

The 2024 ACT Accessibility Supports Guide has now been posted to the [Wisconsin ACT State website](#). Testing staff should review this document thoroughly each year, as changes are made annually. Schools can begin to enter 2024 accommodation and support requests into the ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal beginning **September 11**. New users to [Success.ACT](#) (ACT's reporting and TAA portal) should review the [Online Reporting and TAA](#) guide for instructions on how to request access. Additional resources and training opportunities will be available fall 2023.

Retirement of English Braille American Edition (EBAE)

ACT will no longer offer testing materials in English Braille American Edition (EBAE). Please reference the [2024 ACT Accessibility Support Guide](#) for all available visual impairment accommodations.

PreACT Secure

Reminder:

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

Forward Exam

New:

Updated Accessibility Guide

The 2023-24 Accessibility Guide is now available on the [Forward Exam Accommodations and Supports webpage](#). There have been some significant updates to the Accessibility Guide for 2023-24 which include the following:

- **Text-to-Speech (TTS)** is now a Universal Tool for all content areas (with the exception of the reading passages in the ELA Reading Session). Students will be able to decide for themselves if they would like to utilize TTS as they test.
- **Stacked Translation (Spanish)** will now have two options for TTS available to assign for students. One version will provide students with TTS for the English content on the form, while the other option will provide students with TTS in Spanish for the Spanish content on the form. Educators must determine which will be most useful to the student prior to assigning Stacked Translation in the Portal.
- **Closed Caption and Listening Script** accommodations have been removed as the ELA test design has changed and the Listening session has been removed.
- **Magnifier Tool** has been increased from 200% to 400%.

There have also been some minor updates throughout the guide. Please ensure ALL staff are made aware of and review the updated Accessibility Guide for the 2024 test administration. Questions may be directed to [Alison O'Hara](#) or [Jennifer Teasdale](#).

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 December on the [Forward Exam Practice Tests webpage](#) to help students prepare.

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
Accessibility Guide	Complete list of the Forward Exam Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations.	Forward
Accessibility Supports Guide	Guide to allowable accommodations and EL supports for the ACT.	ACT

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
August 29	Accessibility Guide available	Forward
September 8	Narrative Statement Form due from any district or school that would like a narrative statement on the 2022-23 report card	Report Card
September 11	Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) opens	ACT



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