



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment

Reminder:

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.

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.

Professional Learning topics Include:

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

Please visit the [Strategic Assessment Professional Learning webpage](#) to learn more.

ACT

Reminders:

Educator Involvement Opportunity

DPI is recruiting a diverse group of Wisconsin educators to update Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) for the Wisconsin ACT assessment in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science. The Wisconsin ACT PLDs are statements that describe the specific knowledge and skills Wisconsin students typically demonstrate at each performance level (Developing, Approaching, Meeting, and Advanced) on the statewide spring ACT assessments as related to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. The Performance Level Descriptor Workshop will be a virtual, two-day meeting held November 13-14. For more information about this opportunity and instructions on how to apply, visit the [DPI ACT Educator Involvement Opportunities webpage](#).

TAA Opening and 2025 Accessibility Supports Guide

The 2025 ACT Accessibility Supports Guide has now been posted to the [Wisconsin ACT State website](#). Testing staff should review this document thoroughly each year, as updates are made annually. Schools can begin to enter 2025 accommodation and support requests into the ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal beginning **September 16**. 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 this fall.

ACT Now Administrative Platform

ACT is sunsetting the test administrative platform PearsonAccess^{next}. This year, the ACT and PreACT Secure assessment will be managed in ACT's new administrative platform, ACT Now. The new platform is expected to open for 2025 assessments in November. DACs will receive access to the platform once it opens. More information, training and resources will be available later this fall.

PreACT Secure

Reminder:

2025 Accessibility Supports Guide

The 2025 PreACT Secure Accessibility Supports Guide has now been posted to the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure State website](#). Testing staff should review this document thoroughly each year, as updates are made annually. Additional resources and training opportunities will be available this fall.

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

Hard copy ISRs were shipped to districts on August 27. Schools should send ISRs out to parents/guardians as soon as possible, either in hard copy or via your secure parent portal. Note that simply sharing assessment scores via the parent portal is not sufficient, the entire report should be shared as the ISR contains information useful to parents. Additional reporting resources are available on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#).

Reminder:

Forward Exam Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

The updated English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics PLDs are now available on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#). PLDs show the progression of grade-level knowledge and skills expected across the performance levels of Developing, Approaching, Meeting, and Advanced, based on the Wisconsin Academic Standards.

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
Performance Level Descriptors	Forward Exam Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs).	Forward
ACT Accessibility Supports Guide	2024-25 ACT Accessibility Supports Guide.	ACT
PreACT Secure Accessibility Supports Guide	2024-25 PreACT Secure Accessibility Supports Guide.	PreACT Secure
Accessibility Guide	2024-25 Forward Exam Accessibility Guide.	Forward

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
September 16	Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) opens	ACT
October 7	Annual DAC and DTC Update forms must be submitted	All



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