

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

ACT with writing

New:

For districts considering ACT online testing this year, please review the following resources:

- [Technical Requirements for the ACT Online](#)
- [Technical Guide for Online Test Administration](#)
- [ACT Taken Online or On Paper](#) - Differences between online and paper testing

Training Opportunities

2021 training dates have been posted to the [DPI ACT Trainings](#) webpage. Registration links will be available in the near future.

Reminders:

Resources

2020-21 Schedule of Events, administration manuals, additional training opportunities and resources will be available in October. Current available resources and the 2021 ACT Calendar, can be found on [DPI ACT webpages](#).

ACT Aspire

New:

2021 Aspire Resources and Portals

- The [Pearson Access Next](#) is the administrative portal/web system which school test coordinators and district assessment coordinators (DAC) manage Aspire testing - opens January 25, 2021.
- The ACT Aspire Schedule of Events is available in October.
- The 2020-21 administration manuals, additional trainings and resources will be available in December. Current available resources and the 2021 ACT Aspire Calendar, can be found on [DPI ACT Aspire webpages](#).

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- The Instruction and Assessment planner, a tool used to teach and assess individual Essential Elements, opened on September 14.

Forward Exam

New:

[Forward Exam Practice Tests:](#)

There are several practice test options available for student use prior to the Forward Exam. These practice tests are available year round and provide students the opportunity to become familiar with the Forward Exam and its different components. All students should be given the opportunity to use the practice tests prior to actual testing. Students may perform better and with less anxiety if they are familiar with the format of the test and with the types of questions they will be required to answer. The practice tests are not scored and are not intended to determine how students will perform on the Forward Exam.

Annual Assessment Coordinator Update Form

Reminder:

Each Choice School is required to identify an assessment coordinator (DAC) who will be responsible for overseeing the assessment program for the school. The Update Form can be found at: [Assessment Coordinator Update Form](#). Your district number (required on the form) can be found at: [Private School Directory](#). Use your school number instead of the district number on the form. Also, use your school name on the District Name line and have your choice administrator sign the form. Completed forms can be submitted to duane.dorn@dpi.wi.gov.

The information provided is used to:

- ensure DACs 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 2020-21 permissions.

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



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