



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment

Reminders:

Requirements for 2021-22 School year

For the 2021-22 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 2022 for grades 3-8.
- [Wisconsin Forward Exam](#) for Science in the spring of 2022 for grades 4 and 8.
- [Wisconsin Forward Exam](#) for Social Studies in the spring of 2022 for grades 4, 8 and 10.
- [ACT Aspire™](#) in the spring of 2022 for 9th and 10th grade.
- [The ACT® with writing](#) in the spring of 2022 for 11th grade.

Annual Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Update Form

Be sure to submit your school's annual [Assessment Coordinator Update Form](#) by October 30. This form is required for both new and returning assessment coordinators. The information provided is used to:

- Ensure assessment coordinators are on the email lists which will provide them with regular assessment updates throughout the year.
- Upload assessment coordinator information into vendor portals to ensure proper permissions for the 2021-22 school year.

Administration Dates and Timeline

For the 2021-22 school year, all required assessments for Choice students will be administered in the spring of the school year. Assessment calendars can be found at:

- [ACT with writing Calendar](#)
- [ACT Aspire Calendar](#)
- [Forward Exam Calendar](#)

Costs of the assessments

The Department of Public Instruction is committed to paying for the vendor costs of the assessments for Parental Choice students. Schools which elect to administer any of the assessments to their non-Choice student population will be responsible for the vendor costs of the assessments.

Each individual school is responsible for the cost of administering the assessments. This includes proctor costs and administrative overhead that accompanies preparing for the assessments. Schools that elect to have their non-Choice students test will be able to purchase the test materials on a per student basis.

Schools with Less than Twenty Choice Students

The assessment requirement is waived for any school that participates in one of the choice programs if the school has fewer than 20 students in grades 3 to 12.

Civics Assessment Requirement for High School Graduation

Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, [Wis. Stats. 118.33\(1m\)](#) states that Choice schools may not grant a high school diploma to any pupil unless the pupil takes a civics test comprised of 100 questions that are identical to the 100 questions that may be asked of an individual during the process of applying for U.S. citizenship by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the pupil correctly answers at least 65 of those questions.

Additional requirements of this legislation include:

- Students with an IEP as defined under [Wis. Stats. 115.787](#) must complete the exam to receive a diploma but are not required to meet the benchmark of 65 correct answers.
- A limited-English proficient pupil, as defined in [Wis. Stats. 115.955 \(7\)](#), is allowed to take the civics test in the pupil's language of choice.
- Students are also allowed to re-take the exam until they pass.

This assessment falls under the jurisdiction of districts, charter operators, and choice schools and is not administered by DPI. As such, districts and schools will be responsible for the format and date of the exam.

Spring 2021 Assessment Results

DPI will publicly release the statewide assessment results in the fall and notify districts when results may be shared publicly. Until then, the public release of the assessment results is not permissible (this includes school boards). Districts may use the data for professional development and curriculum/instructional planning.

ACT with writing

New:

Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA)

- Opens on September 13.
- If you do not currently have access to TAA, create an account in [Success.ACT](#) and request access. Please see the [TAA User Guide](#) on steps to request access.
- If you currently have an account set up with Success.ACT.org, and had TAA previously, you will automatically have access once you log into your Success.ACT account.

2022 ACT Resources and Portals

- 2022 test dates are posted on the [DPI ACT Calendar webpage](#).
- The detailed 2022 resources including Schedule of Events, manuals and training materials will start to become available in early October.
- ACT maintains a [resource webpage](#) for grade 11 state testing in Wisconsin. [DPI also maintains resource pages](#) for the ACT.
- [ACT PearsonAccessNext \(PAnext\) Portal](#) will open on November 1.

Forward Exam

Reminders:

Updated District Data Download Files

The Forward Exam test vendor, DRC, made an update to one column of data in the district data download files to identify students who used the text-to-speech (TTS) designated support while testing. On August 18, DRC replaced all district data download files in the DRC INSIGHT Portal so

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](#)

Important Dates to Remember

Month	Day and Event	Assessment
September 13	Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) Opens	ACT
November 1	ACT PAnext Portal Opens	ACT

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
Accessibility Guide	Guide to allowable accommodations and supports for the Forward Exam.	Forward



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