

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment Strategies to Inform Instruction in 2020-21 Resource

[Assessment Strategies to Inform Instruction in 2020-21](#) provides considerations for district and school leaders to use in identifying initial student needs and monitoring ongoing student learning from an equity lens. It offers a process and sources of data to identify and align the unfinished learning students need to advance on grade-level standards.

Annual Assessment Coordinator Update Form

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.

ACT with writing

New:

Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) Migration

ACT's Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) has migrated into Success.ACT.org.

- If you currently do not have an account with Success.ACT.org, you must create one by visiting Success.ACT.org. **Set up your account using the same email address used to log into TAA.**
 - Using the same email address will allow your TAA access to migrate over to Success.ACT.org.
 - Your current TAA login credentials cannot be used to log into Success.ACT.org, you must create a separate account.
- If you currently have an account set up with Success.ACT.org, your TAA account will already be migrated and you will have access as soon as you log in.
- If you do not have access to TAA, create an account in Success.ACT.org and request access. Please see the [TAA User Guide](#) on steps to request access.

2021 ACT Resources and Portals

- 2021 test dates are posted on the [DPI ACT Calendar webpage](#).
- The detailed 2021 resources including Schedule of Events, manuals and training materials will start to become available 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](#).
- The ACT PANext portal will open November 2.
- Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) System will open September 14.

Forward Exam

Reminders:

Technology Updates

The Forward Exam test vendor, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC), has released a technology bulletin with information about what is new and changing for the upcoming 2020-21 administration. This bulletin is available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#).

Accessibility Guide

The 2020-21 Accessibility Guide is now available on the [Forward Exam Accommodations and Supports webpage](#). Please ensure ALL staff are made aware of and view the Accessibility Guide for the upcoming 2021 test administration.



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