



# Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

September 5, 2024

## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### Accountability

#### Reminders:

##### Report Card - Optional Narrative Statement - Forms due Friday, September 6th

DACs received an email on August 15th from "[ReportCardHelp@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:ReportCardHelp@dpi.wi.gov)" with instructions and a link to submit optional narrative statements that will appear at the top of the school and district report cards. If your district/school wishes to submit statements, please work with your District Administrator, principals, and other leadership to compose and submit these statements by Friday September 6th. If you did not receive a link, please email [ReportCardHelp@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:ReportCardHelp@dpi.wi.gov) to request a link for your district, independent charter school, or Choice school's narrative submission survey.

### 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

## New:

### **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](#).

### **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<sup>next</sup>. 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

## New:

### **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 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.

## Reminders:

### Accessibility Guide

The 2024-25 Accessibility Guide is now available on the [Forward Exam Accommodations and Supports webpage](#). Please ensure ALL staff are made aware of and review the Accessibility Guide for the 2025 test administration.

### Forward Reports and Resources

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports were made available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal on July 26. The additional ISR zip file that provides individual ISRs by student (for posting on a secure parent portal) were made available in the DRC INSIGHT Portal on August 16. Hard copy ISRs were shipped to districts on August 27. Districts are required to provide parents/guardians with a complete ISR in either a secure electronic version or paper version. Additional informational handouts and parent resources are available on the [Forward Exam Data and Results webpage](#).

## 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    |
|--|--|---------------|
| <a href="#">Performance Level Descriptors</a>                                  | Forward Exam Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs).   | Forward       |
| <a href="#">ACT Accessibility Supports Guide</a>                               | 2024-25 ACT Accessibility Supports Guide.  | ACT           |
| <a href="#">PreACT Secure Accessibility Supports Guide</a>                     | 2024-25 PreACT Secure Accessibility Supports Guide.  | PreACT Secure |
| <a href="#">Accessibility Guide</a>  | 2024-25 Forward Exam Accessibility Guide.  | Forward       |
| <a href="#">2024-25 Assessment Timelines</a>                                   | 2024-25 WSAS Assessment Timelines.   | All           |
| <a href="#">How to Use 2023-24 Forward Exam Assessment Data</a>                | Guide for appropriate uses and comparisons of the 2023-24 Forward Exam data.   | Forward Exam  |
| <a href="#">Wisconsin Forward Exam Updates</a>                                 | Learn more information about recent changes to the Forward Exam test design.   | Forward Exam  |
| <a href="#">2024 Wisconsin Forward Exam Performance Level Standard Setting</a> | Learn more about the standard setting meeting in which educators aligned Forward Exam cut scores with updated standards. | Forward Exam  |

## Important Dates to Remember

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

| Date         | Event  | Program |
|--------------|--|---------|
| September 6  | Report card narrative statements due (optional)          | OEA     |
| 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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