

Wisconsin Statewide Assessment System

Forward Exam

Students take the Forward Exam online in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in grades 3-8, in Science in grades 4 and 8, and Social Studies in grades 4, 8, and 10.

March 16 – April 24, 2026

PreACT Secure

The PreACT Secure is a summative assessment, aligned to The ACT with writing test that measures what students have learned in the areas of English, Reading, Mathematics, and Science in grades 9 and 10.

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The ACT® with writing

The ACT with writing is administered to students in grade 11 and consists of four multiple-choice tests, English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science, and a 40-minute essay test that measures writing skills. The ACT can be used for college enrollment, scholarships, and NCAA eligibility requirements.

March 10-20, 2026 – Test Window 1*

March 10 – The ACT with writing Test Window 1 – Paper Administration

March 10-13 & 16-20 – The ACT with writing Test Window 1 – Paper Administration for students testing with Accommodations

March 10-13 & 16-20 – The ACT with writing Test Window 1 – Online Administration/Online Accommodations

**Dates for ACT Test Windows 2 and 3 are available on the [ACT Calendar webpage](#).*

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

DLM assesses the academic progress of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It is administered online in grades 3-11 for English Language Arts and Mathematics, grades 4 and 8-11 for Science, and grades 4, 8, and 10 for Social Studies.

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Additional Statewide Assessments

WIDA ACCESS

The WIDA ACCESS is an online assessment system that measures the English language proficiency (ELP) of English learners (ELs) in Grades K-12. This assessment allows educators, students, and families to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English in the domains of Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing.

December 1, 2025 – January 30, 2026

WIDA Alternate ACCESS

The WIDA Alternate ACCESS is an English language proficiency (ELP) assessment. It is administered in the four language domains of Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing for students in grades 1-12 identified as English Learners (ELs) who have significant cognitive disabilities.

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National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

NAEP, also known as the Nation's Report Card, is used to compare student performance between states and over time. Each year, different schools and students are sampled to participate in this test, which includes grades 4 and 8 Reading and Mathematics. Grade 12 testing and additional subject areas are also often included.

January 26 – March 20, 2026

NAEP - Grades 4, 8, and 12 Reading and Mathematics, grade 8 U.S. History and Civics (selected schools only)

