



# Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

September 27, 2024

## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### Accountability

#### New:

#### 2023-24 Report Cards Preliminary Secure Release - October 3

An update was included in the [EdLeaders Dispatch](#) sent to District Administrators on Friday, September 27 announcing that next week, October 3, DPI will release the secure preliminary versions of the 2023-24 School and District Report Cards. As in prior years, the preliminary report cards will be released via [SAFE](#), the Secure Access File Exchange. Please make sure you have [access to SAFE](#) prior to the secure release. If you have any questions about accessing SAFE, please contact the [DPI help desk](#).

As a secure report, they contain potentially identifiable student information, and have not been redacted. As such, and because the report cards are preliminary and subject to change, the secure reports and any information on the preliminary report cards may not be shared with your local media, parents, or members of the community.

The secure release opens the [report card inquiry period](#), which will take place between October 3-14. This window is an opportunity for schools and districts to work with OEA to address possible data submission errors.

### Report Card Resources

In preparation for next week's secure release, we have posted [report card resources](#) to guide your review of the preliminary report cards and assist with local report card interpretation and messaging. These three resources are particularly helpful to inform initial review as part of the inquiry period:

- What's New document, outlining the updates to the report cards;

- Secure Release Checklist, which can be used when reviewing preliminary report cards; and
- Guide to Correctable Data document, outlining which accountability data may be corrected through opening an inquiry.

OEA will continue to update our resources webpage as we move towards the preliminary secure report card release, as well as the final secure and public releases planned for November.

## Changes to Achievement Scoring for the 2023-24 Report Cards

As a reminder, state assessments were updated for 2023-24, including new performance level categories and updated standards. The results from these updated assessments are included in the 2023-24 report cards. The scoring of achievement components on the 2023-24 report cards has also been modified to allow for comparability and stability in the system. Please review the “What’s New” doc on the [report card resources webpage](#) to learn more about this one-year change. In the coming year, the DPI will convene a group of education stakeholders to help align report card cut scores to accurately communicate the success of schools and districts. If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

## Target Group Preview Dashboard Updated for 2024-25

The Target Group Preview Dashboard is now available for 2024-25, showing the likelihood of students appearing in the target group of the 2024-25 report cards, based on 2024 assessment results. Please note that this dashboard is a “forward facing” tool used to inform continuous improvement efforts, so it does not reflect target group students found in the 2023-24 report cards.

The Target Group Outcomes priority area of the report cards is designed to help schools see their own “gaps” between students scoring in the lowest quartile and the rest of their student body. To support schools and districts in identifying and serving their lowest-performing students, students who are *likely* to be in the target group in future report cards at a district- and school-level are displayed securely on WISEdash for Districts.

This dashboard can be found in the ‘Early Warning’ area of WISEdash for Districts under ‘Report Card’. The data will be updated weekly from now through the December Snapshot as enrollment numbers stabilize. For more information, please see the [WISEdash for Districts - Target Group Preview Dashboard webpage](#).

## Assessment

### New:

#### 2023-24 Assessment Data Public Release - October 8

An update was included in the [EdLeaders Dispatch](#) sent to District Administrators on Friday, September 27, announcing the public release of spring 2023-24 statewide assessment results for the Forward Exam, ACT, PreACT Secure, and DLM on October 8. A press release will be available

on the DPI News Releases webpage and performance data from these assessments will be available in the [WISEdash public portal](#) on that day.

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## ACT

### Reminder:

Please visit the [ACT website](#) for information, resources and dates.

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## PreACT Secure

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Please visit the [PreACT Secure website](#) for ACT information, resources and dates.

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## Forward Exam

### Reminders:

#### Technology System Requirements

DACs and DTCs should review the hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2024-25 administration to ensure student devices meet the minimum requirements for testing. Updated 2025 technology system requirements for student testing devices are available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#).

#### Middle School Mathematics Session Change

Based on feedback from the After Testing Survey, the grades 6-8 calculator session has been split into two separate sessions beginning with the 2025 administration. This means the middle school Forward Exam mathematics exam will now be three sessions in total for grades 6-8. This change should make the mathematics sessions easier for schools to schedule and students to complete within a class period. The testing time has not changed for these grades. 2025 Testing Times are available on the [Forward Exam Resources webpage](#).

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## 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="#">System Requirements</a>	Hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2024-25 administration.	Forward
<a href="#">2025 Test Times</a>	Suggested testing times to be used only as guidance to assist with scheduling.	Forward
<a href="#">Performance Level Descriptors</a>	Forward Exam Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs).	Forward

## Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
October 7	Annual DAC and DTC Update forms must be submitted	All



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