

# Assessment Requirements for Choice Schools 2020-21 School Year



# Assessment Coordinator

- Each school will be required to designate an assessment coordinator
  - The assessment coordinator will be responsible for the overall administration of each required assessment.
  - DPI sends out weekly communications to the assessment coordinator during the school year.
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# Student Testing

- Choice schools are required to administer the following assessments each year to their Choice students.
    - Wisconsin Forward Exam for English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades 3-8.
    - Wisconsin Forward Exam for Science for grades 4 and 8.
    - Wisconsin Forward Exam for Social Studies for grades 4, 8 and 10.
    - ACT Aspire™ for 9th and 10th grade.
    - The ACT with Writing® for 11th grade.
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# Forward Exam

- The Forward Exam is an online assessment administered in the spring of each school year to students in:
  - grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics,
  - grades 4 and 8 in Science and,
  - grades 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies.
- More information on the Forward Exam can be found at:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward>



# ACT Aspire

- ACT Aspire is an online assessment administered in the spring of each school year to students in 9th and 10th grade.
- ACT Aspire consists of five subject area tests:
  - English
  - Reading
  - Math
  - Science
  - Writing
- More information on ACT Aspire can be found at:  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/aspire>

# ACT with Writing

- The ACT with Writing is a paper and pencil assessment administered in the spring of each school year to students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ACT with Writing consists of five subject area tests:
  - English
  - Reading
  - Math
  - Science
  - Writing
- More information on the ACT with Writing can be found at:  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act>

# Schools with fewer than 20 choice pupils in grades 3 to 12

- Schools that have fewer than twenty choice students in grades 3 to 12 are not required to administer the state examinations (Wisconsin Forward Exam, ACT Aspire, ACT).
  - Schools with twenty or more Choice students in grades 3 to 12 are required to administer all of the state mandated assessments.
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# Parental Opt Out

- If a parent or guardian elects to excuse their child from testing, the school is required to maintain written documentation of the parent's request and to honor that request by not requiring the student to complete the assessment.
  - School personnel do not have the authority to excuse students from testing without parental approval.
  - School level reports will indicate the total number of students, the number of students that have completed testing and the number of students that have not been tested.
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# Civics Exam Requirement

- Wis. Stat. 118.33(1m) states that Choice schools may not grant a high school diploma to any pupil unless the pupil successfully 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.
  - The test may be completed by students anytime between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Schools are responsible for the format and date of the exam.
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# Civics Exam Requirement (cont.)

- Each pupil must correctly answer at least 65 of the questions.
  - Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) as defined under Wis. Stat. 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. Stat. 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.
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# Civics Exam Requirement (cont.)

- This test must be completed by all students at the school, not just Choice students.
  - A student may *not* opt out of the civics test requirement.
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# Questions

Assessment Website:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/parental-choice-program>

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