



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment

New:

Statewide Assessment Windows are Closed

We would like to thank everyone for administering the spring Statewide Assessments. Your attention to detail helps to ensure all students have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. We appreciate you and the time and effort you put into assessing our students.

Sharing Results from the Wisconsin Student Assessment System

The schedule for release of assessment results to districts can be found at [Assessment Data Reporting Timeline](#). DPI will publicly release summary test score data for the assessments in the fall. As such, DPI strongly recommends that districts coordinate their own public release with the DPI public release. After the secure release of results to districts and prior to the public release, DPI performs additional quality assurance, data validation, and data redaction when needed to protect student privacy.

Districts may share their summary assessment results with their school boards prior to the DPI public release. Districts may not publicly share personally identifiable information and therefore would be responsible to ensure shared results are redacted to comply with data security and student privacy requirements, as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state law. More information about maintaining student data privacy is available on the [Student Data Privacy webpage](#).

District summary data may be shared with district and school staff who understand the data security and student privacy requirements outlined in FERPA and state law. This allows district staff to use the data for professional development, continuous improvement efforts, and other planning purposes. Districts may share individual student reports with parents or guardians, teachers, school leaders, and others with a legitimate interest.

Districts should not share the statewide data reported in the vendor portals. This data has not yet been through DPI's quality assurance and validation process and is therefore subject to change. Final statewide results, which are used in accountability calculations, will be released in the fall.

Accountability

New:

Spring Demographic Snapshot - May 21

DPI will conduct the WISEdata Spring Demographic Snapshot on May 21. Please take this opportunity to review your student data to ensure your enrollment and demographic values are up-to-date and accurate for the snapshot. These data will be used to make sure that demographics associated with, and reported for, assessment results are as accurate and timely as possible. For more information on the snapshot, including data elements and resources, please read [this snapshot announcement](#) from the DPI Customer Service team. If you have any questions in preparation for the snapshot, please submit a [WISE Help Ticket](#).

ACT

New:

Verification of # of ACT & PreACT Secure Tests Administered to non-Choice Students

Assessment coordinators will receive an email later today asking them to verify the number of non-Choice students who took the ACT and PreACT Secure tests. Once verification is received, an invoice will be sent to each school that administered the assessments to their non-Choice students.

Reminder:

See the [ACT webpage](#) for calendar dates, information and resources.

PreACT Secure

New:

PreACT Secure Testing Concluded

Spring 2024 PreACT Secure testing has concluded. Please ensure that all paper accommodated materials have been sent back to ACT (due May 10), test sessions are stopped, and test content purged from caching computers.

Reminder:

PreACT Secure Scores

On May 1, PreACT Secure scores will begin to post in [Success](#). Student scores will continue to post throughout May with all scores and data being finalized on May 30. **No paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be sent to schools.** Schools will be responsible for downloading and disseminating ISRs to families. DPI encourages schools to wait until all data is final before downloading and distributing ISRs. Instructions on how to access and download ISRs will be communicated in the upcoming weeks. **Please share this information with your schools.**

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam Reports

The spring 2024 Forward Exam for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics was aligned to the new Wisconsin Standards for ELA (adopted in 2020) and Mathematics (adopted in 2021). Due to this new alignment and subsequent changes to the test designs, Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal July 26. Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts August 27. Be sure to send ISRs out to parents/guardians as soon as possible after receipt either in hard copy or via your secure parent portal.

Reminders:

Forward Exam Not-Tested Codes

District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) must enter a Not-Tested Code (NTC) in the DRC INSIGHT Portal for all students who were unable to be tested. The deadline to enter Not-Tested Codes is **May 3, this deadline cannot be extended**. Students must be in a test session in order to view, assign, or edit their NTC. Information on assigning NTCs is available on p. 32 of the [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#).

Option to Decline Paper ISRs

All districts currently receive the Individual Student Reports (ISRs) in the following formats:

- One master PDF with all students, in all grades, in all schools, in the district (sorted by grade, then school).
- Separate PDFs for each school and grade in the district (multiple files, one for each school and grade).
- New for this year – all districts will receive Individual Student Reports (ISRs) provided in a zipped folder. This format allows for easier upload of the electronic ISRs to a student information system (SIS) or secure parent portal.
- Two paper copies (one for the student file and the other one to be shared with the parent/guardian).

Districts now have the option to decline the paper ISRs by having their DAC complete and submit the [2024 Forward Exam Request to Decline Paper Individual Student Reports \(ISRs\) Form](#) by June 28. Districts are still required to provide parents/guardians with a complete ISR in either a secure electronic version or paper version.

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
2024 Forward Exam Request to Decline Paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Form	Form to decline the receipt of paper ISRs.	Forward

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
May 1	PreACT Secure scores will begin to post to Success	PreACT Secure
May 3	Final day to enter Not Tested Codes	PreACT Secure
May 7	Post-Reporting Data Validation opens	ACCESS
May 10	Deadline to return PreACT Secure paper accommodated testing materials	PreACT Secure
May 21	Spring Demographic Snapshot	WISEdata
May 30	PreACT Secure ISRs and data files final in ACT Online Reporting (Success)	PreACT Secure
June 4	ACT school and district aggregated data available in ACT's Online Reporting System (Success)	ACT



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