



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Accountability

Reminder:

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

Reminder:

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

Assessment coordinators received an email on May 2 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.

PreACT Secure

New:

PreACT Secure Paper Accommodated Materials - Due May 10

The deadline to return all paper accommodated test materials is May 10. DACs should connect with schools to verify that all paper test materials have been returned. Late test materials may not be scored.

Forward Exam

New:

Educator Involvement Opportunity - New Item Review Application Deadline Approaching

There is still time to apply! DPI is currently in the process of recruiting a diverse group of educators from all over Wisconsin (including English learner and special education teachers) to participate in Forward Exam New Item Review. This is an important step in the development of the Forward Exam. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the Forward Exam development, have detailed input on the exam, and take knowledge back to your district about the processes.

- New Item Review - Deadline to apply is May 10.
- Standard Setting - Deadline passed and selected participants are being notified.

More information about how to apply is available on the [Forward Exam Educators Involvement webpage](#). Please share this information with your educators.

Reminders:

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.

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.

Assessment

Reminder:

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.

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
2023-24 Vendor Reporting Timeline	2023-24 Vendor-based reporting timelines.	All
2024-25 Assessment Timelines	2024-25 WSAS Assessment Timelines.	All

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
May 10	Deadline to apply for New Item Review	Forward
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
June 28	Deadline to submit form to decline the receipt of paper ISRs	Forward



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