



# The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

October 25, 2023

## Accountability

### Reminder:

#### 2022-23 Preliminary Secure Report Cards

The window to open an inquiry with the Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) closed on October 16. At this time, OEA staff are working with schools and districts that opened inquiries to resolve them and make manual corrections in the report cards. As a reminder, **scores and ratings are subject to change** based on updates resulting from the inquiry period - even for schools who do not submit inquiries. The data that are finalized in the report card inquiry process will be used in both state and federal (both ESSA and IDEA) accountability systems.

The public release of final school and district report cards is scheduled for **November 14**. These report cards will include redaction to protect student privacy. At that time the public school and district report cards results will be widely available.

As a reminder, we have posted [report card resources](#) to guide your review of the preliminary report cards and assist with local report card interpretation and messaging. If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

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## ACCESS for ELLs

### New:

#### Test Setup

On November 2, the WIDA AMS will open for test setup. At that time, you may manage test sessions as needed, set accommodations, adjust demographics, and add any students missed during the October upload window.

### Reminder:

#### Roster Uploads

Materials and Pre-ID Labels will be automatically ordered for students added to the DRC Insight portal by the close of business on October 26. This includes both public school students rostered by DPI and non-public school students rostered manually by districts.

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## ACT

### Reminder:

#### Accommodations Training Webinar

On October 25, ACT and DPI will host the first training webinar for the 2024 ACT administration. This Q&A session will provide training on the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA), instruction on how to request accommodations and supports through the TAA system, and answer general questions related to accessibility. Please forward this training opportunity to all appropriate testing staff.

**When:** October 25 - 10:00-11:00 am

**Register:** [Registration Link](#)

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## PreACT Secure

### Reminder:

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

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## DLM

### New:

#### Item Writing

DLM is seeking educators to write test items on January 22-24 in New Mexico. Item writing is a chance for educators to get involved in helping make sure that we have the best assessment possible for our students. If interested, please complete a profile on the [recruitment site](#). Recruitment is set to begin in November and participants will be selected from completed profiles. DLM will cover the expenses of all participants. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Mike Peacy](#).

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## Forward Exam

### Reminder:

Please visit the [Wisconsin Forward Exam webpage](#) for information, resources, and dates.

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## NAEP and International Assessments

### Reminder:

#### NAEP AMS Access for Districts

DACs will receive district registration information for the Assessment Management System (AMS) in the next week or two. More information will be coming soon about the role of the NAEP Onsite Technology Coordinator.

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for grade levels and content areas assessed, dates, additional information, and resources; and contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions. If there are issues with the AMS, including forgotten passwords, please contact the NAEP Help Desk at [NAEPHelp@westat.com](mailto:NAEPHelp@westat.com) or (800) 283-6237.

## Reading Readiness

### Reminder:

For detailed information about requirements for screening go to the [Assessment of Reading Readiness Overview webpage](#).

## 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="#">How to use DLM Score Reports</a>	A new video training on interpreting and using Score Reports.	DLM
<a href="#">Fall District Training</a>	Self-guided training on roles within Educator Portal.	DLM

## Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
October 25	ACT Accommodations Training Webinar	ACT
October 26	Final Public School roster upload, Private School window closes	ACCESS
November 2	Test Setup opens in DRC Insight/WIDA AMS	ACCESS
November 6	PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> (PAnext) opens for 2024	ACT
November 6-10	In-Person 2023-24 Forward Exam 2024 DAC Training (same training in five locations)	Forward
November 8	ACT Test Administration 1 Training	ACT
November 28	Districts receive materials, additional material ordering window opens	ACCESS



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