



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

April 12, 2023

Assessment

Reminder:

Technical Requirements and Allowlisting

Please be sure to review each assessment's specific technical requirements during test set-up. Districts should review allowlisting information and other network considerations to confirm certain file types are allowlisted, both internally and externally. Districts should also ensure that the required URLs are allowlisted on the content filtering systems or other proxy/firewall software that are used locally. Besides allowlisting these sites, districts may need to allow them to pass through the proxy server without requiring authentication credentials.

ACCESS for ELLs

New:

ACCESS Data and Reports

Data downloads will be available in the WIDA AMS/DRC Insight portal on August 28. These will include individual student reports and their translations, summary reports, and the district data file. File specifications are available under General Information > Documents using the Memos/Documents filter in the dropdown. Paper reports will be delivered on May 12.

ACT

New:

Testing to Date

Approximately 85% of students have tested so far. Thank you for your continued support administering the ACT this year.

Reminders:

Final Test Window

Any students who did not take the ACT in Test Window 1 or 2, will need to test during the final ACT test window (Test Window 3). Paper testing has already concluded (non-accommodated). Schools may use online testing in place of paper testing for make-ups. Test online make-ups with any remaining online



testing dates available throughout the testing window. Please review the [Switching from Paper to Online Testing](#) document for instructions.

Tuesday, April 11 marks the start of the **final ACT testing window**.

- April 11-14, 17-21: Paper accommodated testing.
- April 11-13, 18-20: Online standard and accommodated testing.
- Student MyACT account registrations must be completed within two days post testing.
- Review [2023 ACT Schedule of Events](#) for all Test Window 3 tasks and deadlines.

Student Scores

Students' scores are received 3-8 weeks post testing. Scores will be sent electronically to their MyACT accounts, and a paper copy will be sent to their home address. Schools will see scores filter into [Success.ACT](#) within one week of students receiving scores in MyACT. **New for this year**, schools will also receive a hard copy of the students' official score reports for their records. Review the [ACT Score Report Schedule](#) for a complete list of reporting dates.

Entering Not Test Codes

Students who did not take the ACT during any of the three testing windows, will need to be marked as "not tested" in PAnext. Please follow the instructions outlined in the [ACT Administration Supplement - Entering Not Tested Codes](#) to complete this process.

ACT Office Hours

Below are the remaining Office Hours for spring 2023. Wisconsin ACT Office Hours address specific assessment topics and allow the field an opportunity for open Q&A discussion with ACT and DPI. Visit the [DPI ACT Trainings webpage](#) for the link and recordings of all additional training webinars.

PreACT Secure

New:

Testing Progress

We are off to a great start, with approximately 50% of students tested so far. **Please schedule all makeup testing as soon as possible to allow enough time for all students to complete testing.**

Monitoring Testing

Schools can monitor test participation with the Testing Dashboard in PearsonAccess^{next}. Instructions on how to access and use the Testing Dashboard are located in the [PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide for the PreACT Secure](#). Testing must be completed by April 28.

Testing Resources

All testing resources including site readiness guidelines, manuals and test administration forms for the PreACT Secure are located on the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure webpage](#) or the [DPI PreACT Secure webpages](#).

Tip - Updating Accommodations and Supports

Any changes made to a student's accommodations and supports must be made prior to the student being enrolled into a test session. If you need to make changes to a student's profile, you must remove that student from the test session prior to making any changes. **Any updates made to a student's profile while still enrolled in a test session will not be applied.** Once a student is removed from a test session and changes have been made, you can add the student back into their test session and reprint the authorization ticket.

DLM

New:

DLM Test Window

In the first three weeks of testing, over 50% of required testlets have been completed. All testing needs to be completed by April 28. **Please test early in the window to allow time for students to complete the assessments.**

Collection of Student Writing Samples for Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessments

The DLM® Alternate Assessment Consortium (DLM) is seeking districts' help in collecting and submitting evidence of student writing samples from the English Language Arts portion of the DLM alternate assessment during the spring 2023 testing window. Writing samples can be submitted through [Educator Portal](#). Samples will be used to inform future assessment development. If you have any questions, please contact [Mike Peacy](#).

Reminders:

Rater Forms

Students that have been rostered to Social Studies need to have a completed rater form. The rater forms can be found on the [DLM Resources webpage](#).

Test Administration Observations

DLM and DPI are still looking for volunteers to host observations of students taking the DLM. Educators willing to host test administration observations may contact [Mike Peacy](#) or [Iris Jacobson](#) by email or call (608) 267-1288.



DLM Test Administration Monitoring

It is important for District Assessment Coordinators to monitor the completion of the DLM testlets. DACs are able to log into Educator Portal and download a *DLM Test Administration Monitoring Report* in order to track the number of testlets required and completed. Directions on how to use the Report function can be found in the [Educator Portal User Guide](#).

Monitoring Kite System Status

The current system status of the Kite Student Portal and the Kite Educator Portal is available through the [DLM Website Kite Suite](#). This information may be useful for district technology staff when troubleshooting to help determine whether a technology issue is local or system wide.

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam Test Window

In the first three weeks of testing, 95% of districts started testing and 44% of all testing was completed. **Please test early in the window to allow adequate time for make-up sessions.** All testing must be completed by April 28.

Summer 2023 Educator Involvement Opportunity - New Item Review

OEA is looking to recruit a diverse group of educators from all over Wisconsin (including EL and special education teachers) to participate in this summer's in-person "New Item Review" for the Forward Exam. This is a great opportunity to be a part of assessment development, provide valuable feedback, have detailed input about the items on the Forward Exam, and take knowledge back to the district about the process.

For more information about the Item Review Meetings including dates, logistics, and application information, go to the [Forward Exam Educator Involvement Opportunities webpage](#). **Please share this information with all grade 3-8 and 10 educators in your district.** Their input is invaluable during this stage of item development. **Deadline to apply is May 12.**

Reminders:

Background Apps

Please ensure **all apps running in the background are stopped** prior to testing. These apps include but are not limited to:

- Automatic Operating System Updates
- Intelligent personal assistant (IPA) software (e.g., Siri, Cortana)
- Collaboration tools - e.g., Zoom, MS Teams, Google Chat, Google Meet
- Microsoft Game Bar

- Other Background Processes - e.g., virtual keyboards, grammar tools (e.g., Grammarly), classroom monitoring tools

NAEP and International Assessments

Reminder:

See the [NAEP webpage](#) for grade levels and content areas assessed, dates, additional information, and resources; and contact [Angela Dugas](#) with any questions.

Reading Readiness

Reminder:

Reading Readiness Reimbursement

The deadline for districts to request reimbursement for Reading Readiness expenses is **April 14**.

Questions related to reimbursement requests may be directed to [Duane Dorn](#).

DAC Contact Update

Reminder:

Please update [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) contact information](#) as contact information changes or staffing changes occur throughout the year. The information provided is used to:

- Ensure DACs receive regular assessment and accountability updates, and
- Upload information into vendor portals to ensure DACs have annual permissions.

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
Technical Tip Guide	Tips to prepare for online testing	ACT/PreACT Secure

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
April 12	Return paper standard materials from April 11 testing	ACT
April 14	NAEP Field Test for Reading and Mathematics Grades 4, 8, and 12, and Science Grade 8 (for selected schools only) closes	NAEP
April 20	Last online testing date for ACT	ACT
April 20	Purge cached ACT test content from Test Window 3	ACT
April 24	Return Test Window 3 accommodated and online test materials	ACT
April 28	Test window closes	Forward, DLM, PreACT Secure
April 28	Purge cached PreACT Secure test content	PreACT Secure
April 28	Enter "Did Not Test Codes" into PearsonAccess ^{next}	ACT
April 28	Score Reports and Data Downloads available in WIDA AMS	ACCESS
May 5	Enter "Did Not Test Codes" into PearsonAccess ^{next}	PreACT Secure



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