



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

May 3, 2023

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

DPI publicly releases summary test score data for the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) 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 WISEdash in the fall.

Accountability

New:

Spring Demographic Snapshot - May 23

DPI will conduct the WISEdata Spring Demographic Snapshot on May 23. 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 help ticket](#).

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminder:

ACCESS Post-Reporting Data Validation Window

A final post-reporting data validation window will be open May 9-23. This is the last chance to correct any irregularities spotted in student reports. Any changes made during this window will be reflected in updated electronic reports available later this spring.

ACT

New:

Post Testing Reminders

Please remember to complete the following post testing tasks for the ACT:

- Return any secure testing materials to ACT immediately.
 - Purge test content from all proctor caching computers.
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PreACT Secure

New:

PreACT Secure Scores

Student scores from PreACT Secure testing are appearing in ACT's Online Reporting System ([Success.ACT](#)). Scores will appear in batches and not all student scores will be received at the same time. Review the [May 1, PreACT Secure DPI program email](#) for additional guidance, resources and training.

Note: The data in ACT's online reporting system **will not be final** until May 27. **Schools should not download Individual Student Reports (ISRs) until May 27.**



Reminders:

Online Testing Wrap-Up Items

Please complete the following post testing tasks:

- Ensure all test sessions have been stopped.
 - Verify that all testing administration forms have been completed.
 - Enter “Not Tested Codes” for any student who did not test by May 5.
 - Purge cached test content from all servers.
 - Return paper accommodated test materials to ACT by May 12.
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DLM

New:

DLM Score Reports

The DLM Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be electronically available to districts in the Educator Portal on June 16. Be sure to provide parents/guardians with ISRs as soon as possible after electronic receipt.

Reminder:

DLM External Review of Testlets

DLM, through ATLAS (Accessible Teaching, Learning, & Assessment Systems), will be hosting an external review of testlets this summer. The external review will include Science, Math, and ELA testlets. Testlets are reviewed for content, accessibility, sensitivity, and bias. Please pass along this information to teachers you feel would like to participate in this process. DLM is looking for general education content area teachers as well as teachers who work with students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Any teacher interested in participating should complete a profile on the ATLAS (DLM) [recruitment page](#). Any questions please contact [Mike Peacy](#) or [Iris Jacobson](#).

Forward Exam

New:

Forward Exam Reports

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal on June 16. Hard copy ISRs will be delivered to districts by July 14. 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.



Additional Electronic Individual Student Reports (ISR) Option

All districts will receive two electronic versions of ISRs in DRC INSIGHT Portal.

- One PDF with all students, in all grades, in all schools, in the district (sorted by grade, then school).
- One PDF for each school and grade in the district.

Districts may choose to request an additional electronic PDF format which would include separate PDFs for each student's ISR. This format allows for easier upload of the ISRs to your student information system (SIS) or secure parent portal. If you would like to receive separate PDFs for each student, you must complete and submit a [2023 Forward Exam Additional Electronic ISR File Format Delivery Option Request Form](#) by May 31.

Option to Decline Paper ISRs

All districts currently receive two electronic versions of ISRs (with an optional third upon request) and 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 [2023 Forward Exam Request to Decline Paper Individual Student Reports \(ISRs\) Form](#) by May

31. Districts are still required to provide parents/guardians with a secure electronic copy or paper copy of the ISR.

Reminders:**Forward Exam Not-Test 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, including students who participated in the DLM. The deadline to enter Not-Test Codes is Friday, May 5. 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](#).

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:**

See the calendar dates, information, and resources for the [Assessment of Reading Readiness Overview](#).



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
2023 Forward Exam Additional Electronic ISR File Format Delivery Option Request Form	Districts may choose to request an additional electronic PDF format which would include separate PDFs for each student's ISR.	Forward
2023 Forward Exam Request to Decline Paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Form	Districts now have the option to decline the paper ISRs.	Forward
Forward Exam New Item Review Participation Application	Educators may apply to participate in the Forward Exam assessment development by reviewing and editing new Items (questions).	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 1-31	District window to opt-out of receiving paper ISRs	Forward
May 1-31	District window to request an additional electronic ISR file format delivery	Forward
May 5	Deadline to enter "Did Not Test Codes" into PearsonAccess ^{next}	PreACT Secure
May 9	Post Reporting Data Validation Window opens	ACCESS
May 10	PreACT Secure Online Reporting Webinar	PreACT Secure
May 12	Districts receive paper reports	ACCESS
May 12	Deadline for return of paper accommodated test materials	PreACT Secure
May 23	Post Reporting Data Validation Window closes	ACCESS

Date	Event	Program
May 31	Test windows close for TIMSS and ICILS International assessments	TIMSS, ICILS
End of May	Notification to districts with schools selected for NAEP 2024	NAEP



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