



The DAC Digest

Assessment & Accountability Updates

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Assessment and Accountability

New:

Communications

The Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) communicates assessment and accountability information to districts mainly through the District Assessment Coordinator (DAC). DACs in turn, relay all relevant information to their district, schools, and community (see [Communication Flow Chart](#)). In addition to providing information, trainings, and resources on the [OEA webpages](#), there are several communications sent to all DACs to provide regular program updates regarding assessment and accountability.

- **DAC Digest** - The DAC Digest is the primary vehicle by which OEA provides ongoing and just-in-time assessment and accountability information to DACs. Please designate time each week to review the DAC Digest and forward information as needed to applicable staff. All DAC Digest communications are also available on the [Assessment Correspondence webpage](#).
- **OEA Newsflash** - On the rare occasion that the OEA team needs to provide DACs with urgent or confidential information, an email will be sent separately from the DAC Digest.
- **Assessment and Accountability Newsletter** - OEA sends a quarterly newsletter to DACs and other interested stakeholders that includes assessment and accountability information for a broader audience. The newsletter is also available on the [assessment and accountability newsletter webpage](#).

Accountability

New:

2022-23 Report Cards Preliminary Secure Release

OEA staff are preparing for the preliminary secure release of 2022-23 school and district report cards. **The secure release of preliminary report cards is planned for early October.** The release will open an inquiry period in which schools and districts can work with OEA to address possible data submission errors. As always, preliminary secure report cards will be available in SAFE, the Secure Access File Exchange. Please make sure you have access to [SAFE](#) prior to the secure release.



Final secure and public releases of the report cards are planned for November. More information will be included in next week's DAC Digest. As a reminder, school and district report cards are required annually under [state law](#). If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

Reminder:

Assessment Analysis Dashboard in WISEdash for Districts

The Assessment Analysis dashboard is now available in WISEdash for Districts. Please see the [September 13 DAC Digest](#) for more information on this dashboard.

ACCESS for ELLs

New:

Data Quality Check

To ensure that all of your ELs will be included in October's roster generation, please check that your SIS is up-to-date, students have the correct ELP codes and demographics, and that these data are being pushed to WISEdata. You may double-check what is being pushed to WISEdata in [WISEdash for Districts](#) under Topics > Enrollment. Grouping or filtering by EL status will show which students will be included on the ACCESS roster. WISEdash for Districts is updated nightly.

Please work with the staff managing the connection between your SIS and WISEdata to ensure that WISEdata Portal is free from ELP-related errors and warnings. The Long Text in WISEdata Portal generally explains in detail what the issue in your SIS is and how to fix it.

Reminder:

Roster Uploads

The DRC Insight portal will be open for **private school** roster uploads starting September 29. DPI will upload a preliminary roster for public school students and choice schools submitting enrollment with EL status on October 12, and a final roster on October 26.

ACT

New:

2024 PAnext Portal

The 2024 [ACT PearsonAccess^{Next} \(PAnext\) portal](#) will open on November 6. DACs will receive access to the portal, along with instructions on how to set up testing staff within PAnext and select an ACT testing date at that time.

Reminder:**ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations Portal (TAA) - Now Open**

Schools can now enter 2024 ACT accommodation and support requests into the ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal. Please see the [DPI ACT Accommodations and Supports webpage](#) for additional resources, including the ACT 2024 Accessibility Guide.

PreACT Secure**Reminder:**

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

DLM**New:****User Accounts**

District Assessment Coordinators are encouraged to begin creating user accounts for teachers who are administering the DLM. As you are creating new user accounts, review and confirm users who continue to require access for the current school year.

Dynamic Learning Maps Training Site

The DLM training is now available for all teachers through [Educator Portal](#). Please encourage educators to complete their training as soon as possible.

Instruction and Assessment Planner

The Instruction and Assessment Planner, a tool used to teach and assess individual Essential Elements, is now open.

Reminder:**Participate in DLM Events**

Throughout the year, DLM hosts events such as item writing and item review, which are essential steps in creating a more dynamic assessment for our students. If you would like to take part in these events please create a profile in the [Accessible Teaching Learning and Assessment Systems \(ATLAS\) recruitment site](#). If you have previously created a profile, please update it to keep your options current. Please visit the [DLM webpage](#) for information, resources, and dates.



Forward Exam

Reminder:

Forward Exam 2024 DAC Training

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) invite District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) and up to three assessment staff members (e.g., School Assessment Coordinator, Assistant to DAC) to attend an **in-person training** event for the spring 2024 Forward Exam. Identical trainings will be held in different locations across the state November 6-10 and run from 9:00 am to noon each day. **An email with registration information was sent to all DACs on September 14.** Registration must be completed no later than **October 20**.

NAEP and International Assessments

New:

Communication to Principals

Emails were sent out yesterday and today to principals in schools selected for this year's NAEP. In the email, [Angela Dugas](#) asked principals to designate a NAEP school coordinator, which can be the principal, the DAC, or another school staff member. The principal and the designated school coordinator will receive separate registration emails to the Assessment Management System (AMS) within about a week. They should register as soon as that email is received, and then the school coordinator will complete the *School Information* section in the AMS by October 15.

DACs will receive information later this fall about designating an onsite technology coordinator for their schools participating in NAEP. DACs will also receive registration information for the AMS later this fall, if they haven't already registered as a school coordinator.

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:

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

Annual DAC and DTC Contact Information Update Forms

Reminder:

The 2023-24 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and District Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) Update forms](#) must be submitted to DPI by **October 6**. These forms are required for both new and returning DACs and DTCs. See the [September 6 DAC Digest](#) for more details.

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
How to use DLM Score Reports	A new video training on interpreting and using Score Reports.	DLM
Fall District Training	Self-guided training on roles within Educator Portal.	DLM
Accessibility Supports Guide	Guide to allowable accommodations and EL supports for the ACT.	ACT

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
September 29	Private School roster upload window opens	ACCESS
October 6	Deadline to submit required annual DAC and DTC Update Forms	All
October 12	Preliminary Public School roster upload	ACCESS
October 15	NAEP school coordinators register on the AMS and complete the <i>School Information</i> section	NAEP
October 20	Deadline to register for in-person DAC Training	Forward
October 26	Final Public School roster upload, Private School window closes	ACCESS



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