Accountability

New:

2022-23 Report Cards Preliminary Secure Release - October 3

Deputy State Superintendent John Johnson sent an email to District Administrators on Tuesday announcing that **next week, October 3, DPI will release the secure preliminary versions of the 2022-23 School and District Report Cards**. As in prior years, the preliminary report cards will be released via SAFE, the Secure Access File Exchange. Please make sure you have access to SAFE prior to the secure release.

As a secure report, they contain potentially identifiable student information, and have not been redacted. As such, and because the report cards are preliminary and subject to change, **the secure reports and any information on the preliminary report cards may not be shared** with your local media, parents, or members of the community.

The secure release opens the report card inquiry period, which will take place between October 3-16. This window is an opportunity for schools and districts to work with OEA to address possible data submission errors.

Report Card Resources

In preparation for next week's secure release, we have posted report card resources to guide your review of the preliminary report cards and assist with local report card interpretation and messaging. These three resources are particularly helpful to inform initial review as part of the inquiry period:

- What's New document, outlining the updates to the report cards;
- Secure Release Checklist, which can be used when reviewing preliminary report cards;
- Guide to Correctable Data document, outlining which accountability data may be corrected through opening an inquiry.

OEA will continue to update our resources page as we move towards the preliminary secure report card release, as well as the final secure and public releases planned for November. If you have questions about report cards, please contact OEA.

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Assessment and Accountability

New:
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
The Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) is available to answer all assessment and accountability related questions as they arise. District and school staff may reach out to assessment staff or accountability staff via email or phone at (608) 267-1072. To reach individual assessment and accountability staff, please refer to the OEA Staff Directory. Each assessment also has an FAQ webpage with scenarios/issues related to that specific assessment:

- ACCESS for ELLs FAQ
- ACT FAQ
- DLM FAQ
- Forward Exam FAQ
- PreACT Secure FAQ

Reminder:
Communications
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.

Each year, DACs must submit the Annual DAC and DTC Update Forms (signed by the District Administrator) to ensure DPI has the most current contact information for each district so that they receive these important and timely communications. This information is also used to upload DAC information into vendor portals to ensure DACs have 2023-24 permissions. These forms are required to be completed and submitted to DPI for both new and returning DACs and DTCs **by October 6**.

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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
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. On October 26 the private school roster upload period will close.

ACT

New:
2024 PAnext Portal
The 2024 [ACT PearsonAccessNext (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.

PreACT Secure

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

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DLM

Reminders:

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.

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:

NAEP Field staff
Do you know retired educators in your communities who would like to be a part of the in-school data collection team? NAEP is hiring field staff to administer assessments in schools this winter. Field staff should be available to work during school hours between January 29 and March 8, 2024, and attend virtual training between January 3 and 19, 2024. Please share the NAEP job announcement with anyone who might be interested.

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Reminder:

Communication to Principals

Emails were sent out last week 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.

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.

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

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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 *School Information* 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
November 6	PearsonAccess next (PAnext) opens for 2024	ACT

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