



# Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

November 9, 2023

## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### Accountability

#### Reminders:

#### New:

##### Report Cards: Final Secure and Scheduled Public Release

Earlier today, district and choice school administrators received an [email](#) from Deputy State Superintendent John Johnson announcing that **final secure school and district report cards are available in [SAFE](#)**, the Secure Access File Exchange. Please note that the data in these final secure report cards are non-redacted and should **not** be shared publicly. **The public release of 2022-23 report cards is scheduled for November 14.** If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

### ACT

#### New:

##### 2024 Technical Readiness Resources

The following ACT online testing technical resources have now been posted to the [Wisconsin ACT Website, Step 2](#).

- Technical Coordinator Site Readiness Checklist
- ACT Online Testing Site Readiness Plan
- Technical Requirements for Taking the ACT, including ACT Technical Guide
- Mock Administration Manual

#### Selecting Staff for ACT Testing

DACs and Test Coordinators should carefully review the Staff Requirements and Staff Roles and Responsibility sections of the [ACT Test Coordinator Information Manual](#) (p. 16) when selecting staff for ACT testing roles. Staff who have relatives testing and athletic coaches are restricted in what testing roles and responsibilities they can be assigned to.

#### Reminders:

##### 2024 PAnext Portal

The 2024 [ACT PearsonAccess<sup>Next</sup> \(PAnext\) portal](#) opened on November 6. DACs received 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. New DACs should have received an email from ACT/PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> with instructions on how to set up their account. If you did not receive access, please reach out to [Nikki Braconier](#).

## 2024 ACT Testing Resources

The following 2024 ACT administrative resources are now available on the [Wisconsin ACT website](#):

- ACT PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> User Guide (Step 2)
- All ACT Administration Manuals and Forms (Step 5)
- ACT Test Coordinator Information Manual (Step 5)
- **ACT Schedule of Events** (Important Dates)

Note: The Schedule of Events contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the ACT and should be reviewed often, by **all testing staff**, throughout the year.

## ACT Global Accommodations Office Hours

The Test Accessibility and Accommodation System (TAA) opened for the spring 2024 ACT assessment on September 11. ACT will hold Accommodation Office Hours again this year to provide the field with an opportunity to speak and ask questions directly with an ACT Accommodation Specialist. Visit the [ACT Accommodation Office Hours registration link](#) to register for these upcoming events.

Note: ACT global office hours are open to all states, districts and schools and will not cover any Wisconsin specific policies.

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## PreACT Secure

### New:

#### 2024 Technical Readiness Resources

The technical requirements for taking the PreACT Secure and the PreACT Secure Technical Guide have been posted under the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure Webpage, Step 2](#).

### Reminder:

#### 2024 Schedule of Events

The spring 2024 PreACT Secure Schedule of Events has been posted to the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure website](#) (Important Dates).

Note: The Schedule of Events contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the PreACT Secure and should be reviewed often, by **all testing staff**, throughout the year.

## Forward Exam

### Reminder:

#### Technology System Requirements

DACs and DTCs should review the hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2023-24 administration to ensure student devices meet the minimum requirements for testing. Updated 2024 technology system requirements for student testing devices are available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements 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="#">ACT and PreACT Secure Technical Requirements and Guides</a> | Resources on technical requirements to test ACT online and PreACT Secure                       | ACT/PreACT Secure |
| <a href="#">Technology System Requirements</a>                          | Updated System/Device requirements   | Forward           |
| <a href="#">ACT Schedule of Events</a>                                  | Schedule of Events contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the ACT.           | ACT               |
| <a href="#">PreACT Secure Schedule of Events</a>                        | Schedule of Events contains important tasks and deadlines for administering the PreACT Secure. | PreACT Secure     |
| <a href="#">ACT Administration Manuals and Forms</a>                    | Manuals and forms to administer the 2024 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      |
|-------------|--|--------------|
| November 9  | Final secure release of the 2022-23 school and district report cards | Report Cards |
| November 10 | Technology User Guide Available                                      | Forward      |
| November 14 | Public release of the 2022-23 school and district report cards       | Report Cards |
| November 22 | Technology Training Videos available                                 | Forward      |
| November 23 | DACs Assigned Permissions to the 2023-24 DRC INSIGHT Portal          | Forward      |
| December 8  | Deadline to select ACT testing and shipping dates                    | ACT          |



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