



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment

Reminder:

District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Confidentiality Agreement

DACs from districts administering the ACCESS for ELLs who have not already completed the 2023-24 [DAC Confidentiality Agreement](#) should do so now and submit to OEA as soon as possible. The form may be completed electronically and signed electronically using Acrobat Reader. Be sure to read the terms for each assessment and select the appropriate options on the ACT agreement prior to signing. The entire document needs to be submitted to OEA once signed. If your district is not administering the ACCESS for ELLs for 2023-24, be sure to submit your form by March 1. All other confidentiality forms (SACs, DTCs, STCs, etc.) remain individual forms, but may be completed electronically, and once completed are to be retained at the school/district level.

ACT

New

ACT with Writing for Non-Choice Students

Non-choice students will again be allowed to take the ACT with Writing on the state administration dates. Cost for the test will be \$54.25 per student. Order forms will be sent to assessment coordinators next week with the order deadline set for January 19.

Reminders:

Selecting 2024 ACT Test Date/Window - Deadline

The deadline for selecting your 2024 ACT testing date/window is **December 8**. Schools should select test dates, testing mode, shipping dates, and verify addresses **under each high school profile** in PearsonAccess^{next}. If your school/district has a conflict that would prevent testing in Test Window 1 or 2, please reach out for assistance. As a reminder, **DPI strongly encourages schools to test as early as possible to maximize the number of makeup testing dates available.**

Managing Contact Information and User Accounts in PearsonAccess^{next} (PANext)

DACs should update the contact information section of PANext as soon as possible to ensure ACT and DPI have the correct contact information on file in order to avoid delays in shipping and receipt of important assessment information. Please also remember to grant access to the PANext spring 2024 ACT portal to testing staff and remove access for users no longer in testing roles.

PreACT Secure

New:

PreACT Secure for Non-Choice Students

9th and 10th grade non-choice students will again be allowed to take the PreACT Secure under the state contract. Cost for the test will be \$18 per student. Order forms will be sent to assessment coordinators next week with the order deadline set for January 19.

Forward Exam

New:

Educator Involvement Opportunities

DPI is currently recruiting a diverse group of Wisconsin educators from all over Wisconsin (including English learner and special education teachers) to participate in three separate Forward Exam Educator Involvement Opportunities. These events are all important steps in the development and scoring of the Forward Exam. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the Forward Exam development and scoring, have detailed input on the exam, and take knowledge back to your school about the processes.

- **Rangefinding** - Participants will review student writing responses to finalize the short write rubrics, approve scoring guides, and select anchor, training, and qualifying papers used by evaluators to score the Forward Exam new ELA short write tasks.
- **Standard Setting** - Participants will recommend cut scores for the Forward Exam in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. The cut scores separate students into one of the four achievement levels, which provide clear indicators of a student's level in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards and indicate if they are on track for future learning.
- **New Item Review** - Participants will review new ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies test questions created for the exam for content, grade level appropriateness, alignment to correct standard, cultural inclusivity, and bias/sensitivity issues prior to placement on the exam.

More information about each opportunity, including how to apply, is available on the [Forward Exam Educators Involvement webpage](#). Educators interested in one or more events need to submit only one application. There is a question in the application which asks the applicant to select the educator involvement opportunities they would like to participate in and may select all that apply. **Please share this information with the educators in your school.**

Reminders:

2024 DRC INSIGHT Portal Permissions

DRC has assigned DACs permission to access the 2024 DRC INSIGHT Portal. DACs do not need to assign permissions to other users until January or February 2024. Information about how to assign users will be provided in the DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide, available on January 8. DACs who did not receive the email from "noreply@datarecognitioncorp.com" with the subject line "Your DRC INSIGHT Portal Account Has a New Profile", please contact the [DRC Help Desk](#) at (800) 459-6530.

Technology Training Videos

The Forward Exam District Technology Training Videos are now available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements and Resources webpage](#). This year, DRC has provided six short training videos that cover all information District Technology Coordinators (DTCs) need to install Central Office Services and set up student testing devices.

Other Related Information

Assessment Professional Learning and Coaching Sessions

The Office of Educational Accountability has partnered with CESAs to offer a free Assessment Professional Development and Coaching Series focusing on classroom level assessment and data use. The series includes 12 days of professional learning and five in-district coaching sessions. Visit the [Assessment Professional Learning and Coaching Series website](#) or contact your local CESA office for more information and to apply for this professional learning and coaching series.

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
Technology User Guide	Multi-volume guide to install and configure DRC INSIGHT testing application.	Forward

Important Dates to Remember

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

Date	Event	Program
December 8	Deadline to select ACT testing and shipping dates	ACT
December 29	New Forward Exam Practice Tests available	Forward
January 8	DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide and Test Administration Manual available	Forward
January 8	DAC and Test Administrator training videos available	Forward
January 8	Updated Student and Administrator tutorials available	Forward
January 10	First of three DAC, SAC, and DTC Q&A Webinars (see Forward Exam Calendar webpage for additional two webinar dates)	Forward
January 10	Attend ACT online testing/Technology Readiness training	ACT
January 17	Attend Wisconsin specific ACT Office Hour	ACT
January 19	Deadline to submit accommodations/supports in TAA	ACT
January 19	Deadline to notify DPI of intent to administer ACT and PreACT Secure to non-choice students	ACT & PreACT Secure
January 22	PearsonAccess ^{next} (PAnext) opens for 2024	PreACT Secure



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