Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

September 14, 2023

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

ACT
New:
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.

Forward Exam
New:
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 will be sent to all DACs on September 14. Registration must be completed no later than **October 20**.

The in-person training will include:
- 2024 Updates:
  - New English language arts (ELA) test design
  - New Practice Tests
  - Accessibility feature changes
  - New Individual Student Report (ISR) design
  - Student Test Portal layout
- Accessibility
- Staff and Student preparation
- Using the DRC INSIGHT Portal
- Test Administration
- Reporting

Reminder:

Forward Exam Individual Student Reports

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) were made available electronically in the DRC INSIGHT Portal on June 16 and hard copy ISRs were delivered to districts by July 14. If you have not yet sent ISRs to parents/guardians (either in hard copy or via your secure parent portal) please send those out as soon as possible.

Updated Accessibility Guide

The 2023-24 Accessibility Guide is now available on the [Forward Exam Accommodations and Supports webpage](#). There have been some significant updates to the Accessibility Guide for 2023-24 which include Text-to-Speech (TTS), Stacked Translation (Spanish), Closed Caption, Listening Script, and Magnifier Tool. There have also been some minor updates throughout the guide. Please ensure ALL staff are made aware of and review the updated Accessibility Guide for the 2024 test administration. Questions may be directed to [Alison O'Hara](#) or [Jennifer Teasdale](#).

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
[Accessibility Guide](#)	Complete list of the Forward Exam Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations.	Forward
[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 11	Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) opened	ACT
October 20	Deadline to register for in-person DAC Training	Forward

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