

Elementary and Riverview State Testing Information

Wisconsin students in grades 3-8, and 10, will be participating in the Forward Exam during March 18th– April 26th, testing window. State assessments, including the Forward Exam, are required by both State (Wis. Stat. § 118.30) and Federal ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Law. Equitable testing is important because clearly knowing the performance of all students is the first step in ensuring all students' success and in closing achievement gaps. Our school is tentatively scheduled to take the Forward Exam on March 26th – April 26th, 2023.

In-person assessment is the only viable method for the state assessments. The company who produces the test has no remote (virtual) testing option available. Proctored, on-site testing ensures standardized administration that includes equitable access to technology and optimal testing environments, test security, and validity.

The Forward Exam tests students in the areas of English language arts (ELA), mathematics in grades 3-8, science in grades 4 and 8, and social studies in grades 4, 8, and 10. One or more subtests may be administered daily during our selected time frame. Please make sure students are healthy and well-rested before sending them to school. Students not in school on testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window.

Enclosed is a *Forward Exam Information for Families* brochure that gives more information about the assessment. The Forward Exam measures the knowledge and skills students should have for their grade-level. Their performance on the assessment will not affect their grades. Please encourage your child to do the very best he/she can do on the test. The results are used to help school staff make determinations regarding curriculum, placement, and services to best support our students.

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/Forward_Brochure_for_Families.pdf English

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/Forward_Brochure_for_Families_ES.pdf Spanish

[BHS State Testing Information](#)

ACT

All Barron High School eleventh grade students will be participating in the ACT with Writing assessment on March 26, 2024. The test will begin at 8:10 and is expected to be completed by 12:30.

The ACT with writing consists of four multiple choice tests: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science; and a 40 minute essay test that measures student writing skills. The ACT scores range from 1 to 36 for each of the subtests and one overall score called a composite. Students will also receive a writing score ranging from 2 to 12.

For more information about The ACT visit:

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/ACT_Brochure_for_Families.pdf

Spanish version:

[https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/ACT_brochure_for_Families ES.pdf](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/ACT_brochure_for_Families_ES.pdf)

Student performance on the assessment will not affect any of their current grades. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make education decisions.

When available, ACT scores are posted online and accessed by students using their MyACT account.

- Multiple choice scores are normally available two weeks after each national test date, but it can sometimes take up to eight weeks.
- Writing scores are normally available about two weeks after your multiple-choice scores.

WI Forward

Barron High School 10th grade students will be participating in the Wisconsin Forward Social Studies Exam on April 3rd. The Wisconsin Forward assessment measures the knowledge and skills students should have for their grade-level. Students' performance on the assessment will not affect their grades. Please encourage your child to do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make determinations regarding curriculum, placement, and services to best support students.

Score reports will be mailed to families over the summer months.

More information regarding the Wisconsin Forward Exam can be found at:

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/Forward_Brochure_for_Families.pdf

Pre-ACT

As partners in education, it is important to ensure they are prepared for each step along their educational journey. One way to determine student preparedness is through assessment, and therefore we will be administering the PreACT Secure to your student on April 10th. All students in grades 9 and 10 will participate in this test. The PreACT Secure will give us important information which will allow us to determine how your child is progressing at their current grade level, as well as along their overall path toward future college and career readiness.

The PreACT Secure will tell us which important skills, abilities, and knowledge your student has now, and which ones still need to be learned in order to be successful in school in the future. Furthermore the scores will help your child's teacher understand where your child is succeeding, as well as where extra help or academic focus is needed. ACT will also provide specific suggestions for improving skills.

The PreACT Secure Assessment must be completed in a single sitting, with the exception of students testing with accommodations. Students with accommodations that require multiple-day testing must complete testing within the test window.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Items</u>
English	35	48
Mathematics	45	38
Break	10-15	-
Reading	40	33
Science	35	36

Your student will be taking the PreACT Secure which includes the subjects of **English, math, reading and science**. The assessment will be given on **April 10th**.

Please visit the following links to learn more about this assessment or to download a free copy to gain more knowledge about the tests.

Why Take the PreACT Secure

- English:
https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/ACT_Brochure_for_Families.pdf
- Spanish:
https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/ACT_brochure_for_Families_ES.pdf

DLM - Dynamic Learning Maps

For students that are determined through an IEP that the traditional state assessments are not a good measure of their skills. Eligible students will take the DLM in ELA, Math, & Science and Social Studies if in a grade that is required to take those areas.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dlm>
https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/DLM_Brochure_for_Families.pdf

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ACCESS

December 4, 2023 - February 2, 2024

Areas assessed are Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing. Grades Kindergarten through Grade 12 for students that speak a primary language other than English and have not exited an EL program.

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