

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Assessment Reporting

As assessment reports become available in the various vendor portals, please be aware that DPI will notify districts when results may be shared publicly. In the meantime, the data remain under embargo. This embargo usually lasts until a DPI press release date. As a reminder, any public reporting of assessment results must meet FERPA requirements regarding student data.

Forward Exam Student Reports and Summaries

As you know, student results for the exam will be released to districts via eDIRECT next week on **July 26, 2016**. DRC will mail hard copies of student results – the Individual Student Reports (ISRs) – on **August 16, 2016** directly to districts. These documents will be packaged by school. Two copies will be provided—one copy for the school to retain and one to be sent home to parents/guardians. Until the ISRs are sent to districts, the results should be used for internal discussions. We are in the process of preparing a parent letter template to accompany the ISRs. This template will be made available on the OSA webpage just prior to your receipt of the ISR hard copies in mid-August. Whether your district distributes those ISRs electronically or via the hard copy provided by DRC, we ask that you wait to do so until after August 16. In the meantime, these reports should be used for internal data inquiry only.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tahira Chaudary in the Office of Student Assessment at 608-266-5187.

REMINDER - DAC/DTC Update Forms

In order to ensure that we maintain our lines of communication with each district across the state, it is important that we receive your district's updated [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\)](#) and [District Technology Coordinator \(DTC\)](#) forms to our office as soon as possible. Whether or not there has been a change in personnel, please submit DAC and DTC update forms as soon as possible so that we can verify and maintain the most up-to-date information in our records.

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

FORWARD EXAM

- **REMINDER - Student Reports and Summaries will be available on the following dates**
 - July 26: Individual Student Reports (ISRs) available in eDIRECT
 - August 1: Summary Reports available in eDIRECT
 - August 16: Individual Student Reports (ISRs) delivered to Districts

ACT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

ACT WorkKeys

- **NEW - ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates**

- ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRCs) have been loaded to the Department's Secure Access File Exchange (SAFE). In addition to the certificates, a .csv file containing data for all students who obtained a NCRC is available. This file contains the unique usernames and passwords needed for students to access their My WorkKeys accounts. Accessing the My WorkKeys account is necessary for students who wish to share an electronic version of their certificate with potential employers.
- NCRCs may be downloaded and distributed to parents/guardians and students, and students should be provided with their unique usernames and passwords in order to access their My WorkKeys accounts. For more information about the ACT WorkKeys NCRC, please visit our [OSA WorkKeys webpage](#).

ACT Aspire

- **NEW** - Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and school and district summary reports are now available in the ASPIRE portal.
 - ISRs may be downloaded and distributed to parents/guardians and students.
 - ACT Aspire results in the ASPIRE portal for districts contain personally identifiable student information. They should not be shared outside of a school or district setting without ensuring that FERPA data security requirements are met.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

- **NEW - Individual Student Reports:** PDF versions of student results will be posted through KITE Educator Portal in mid-September. Reports are slightly delayed due to science standard setting held over the summer. DACs will be notified once reports are made available. This year, student results have been consolidated into a one-page report that incorporates all content areas for ease of printing and mailing/distributing.
- **REMINDER** - The DLM system has updated the supported platforms for KITE Client (secure browser) and Educator Portal for the 2016-17 school year. The revised list of supported platforms is available below and on the [KITE Suite Requirements](#) page on the DLM website.

Supported Platforms for KITE Client 2016-17	Educator Portal Supported Platforms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Windows 7, 8.1, 10 (desktop, laptop)● MAC OS X 10.10 – 10.11● Chromebook● iPad, IOS 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Firefox 38.7.1 or above● Safari 9.0.3 or above● Internet Explorer 11● Chrome 35 or above

This summer, district and technology personnel should plan accordingly to prepare for testing in the 2016-17 school year.

Literacy Screening (formerly PALS)

- **REMINDER - 2016-17 Reading Readiness Assessment:**
 - If you still have questions or need information about 2016-17 assessing reading readiness requirements, please refer to any of the previous DAC Digests from the month of April.
 - Efforts are currently underway with our School Management Team here at DPI to define the reimbursement process for 2016-17, and we will provide further information as soon as it is available.

DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES (Dates/tasks that are newly added this week are in **bold**)

Important Dates to Remember		
July	25 - Aug. 5: Deduction Inquiry Process	OEA
	26: Individual Student Reports available in eDIRECT (do not distribute until hard copies available on 8/16 from DRC)	Forward
August	1: Summary Reports available in eDIRECT	Forward
	16: Individual Student Reports delivered to districts	Forward
	22-25: DRC Item Review meetings	Forward
September	Mid-Month: DLM Individual Student Reports available in Educator Portal	DLM

Important Tasks to Remember		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print and distribute ACT WorkKeys NCRCs	WorkKeys
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print and distribute ACT Aspire Individual Student Reports (ISRs)	Aspire
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan accordingly to ensure that staff are able to conduct a review of deduction data during the 7/25-8/5 window should your school or district receive preliminary notification	OEA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update DAC contact information and DTC contact information and submit to OSA	General
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update secure browser for DLM KITE Client	DLM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Share Vendor-based Reporting Overview with relevant members of your team	General

Online Resource Highlights*		
<i>As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience. This is NOT an exhaustive list, but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.</i>		
Resource	Contains	Assessment
2016 Vendor-Based Reporting Overview	Outline of vendor-based reports from 2015-16 spring testing, including report descriptions, where/when/how to access, directions for use and distribution, etc.	General