



2023-24 Secondary Universal Assessments

We ensure that all students are college, career and community ready, inspired to succeed in our diverse community.

	Assessment Name	Grades	Testing Window	Purpose
State	ACCESS for ELLs	1 - 12	Dec 4 - Feb 2	ACCESS is an English language proficiency assessment given annually to students who have been identified as English Language Learners (ELL). Federal and state laws require students identified as Multilingual Learners (MLs) to be assessed annually to determine their level of English language proficiency (ELP) and ensure they are progressing in achieving full English proficiency. Individual student results are shared with families in late May.
	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	K - 12	Dec 4 - Feb 2	The Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is individually administered to students in grades K-12 who are identified as Multilingual learners (MLs) with the most significant cognitive disabilities. These tests are intended for MLs who participate in their state's alternate assessment(s)
	ACT with Writing	11	Mar 12 - Apr 18	The ACT with Writing is used by Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction as the eleventh grade high school accountability measure to determine the extent to which schools and districts are meeting proficiency standards. Individual student results are shared with families in July directly from ACT.
	PreACT Secure	9 - 10	Mar 18 - Apr 26	The PreACT Secure is used by Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction as the ninth and tenth grade high school accountability measure to determine the extent to which schools and districts are meeting proficiency standards. Individual student results available to families in August via Parent Portal.
	WI Forward	3 - 10	Mar 18 - Apr 26	The Wisconsin Forward state exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. Individual student results available to families in June via Parent Portal.
	DLM	3 - 11	Mar 18 - Apr 26	The DLM TM assessment measures the academic progress of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. DLM is the alternate assessment to the Forward exam. Individual student results available to families in August via Parent Portal. Individual student results available to families in June via Parent Portal.
	Civics	9	Oct - June	Wisconsin statute requires that any student graduating from a Wisconsin high school "takes a civics test comprised of 100 questions that are identical to the 100 questions that may be asked of an individual during the process of applying for U.S. citizenship by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the pupil correctly answers at least 65 of those questions."
District	On-Demand Writing	6 - 8	Follows Curriculum Map	These ELA assessments demonstrate what a student is able to do independent of support. The information gained is utilized to plan instruction based on the developmental level of individual students and is used to monitor continued growth. Results are shared at parent-teacher conferences and support reflection on growth toward grade level standards.
	Content Interim Assessment: Math, ELA Science, Social Studies	6 - 11 6 - 10	Sept 18 - 29 Jan 8 - 19 May 20 - 31	These periodic assessments reflect the critical areas of focus for each course; check for understanding and application of the state standards; and are intended to provide a snapshot of each student's skills at specific times throughout the year. Results are shared at parent-teacher conferences and support reflection on growth toward grade level standards.