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We understand and appreciate your questions around the new assessment system including what it will look like and when it will be administered. We encourage you to read the preliminary information on our State Assessment System webpage. We are still in contract negotiations with American Institutes for Research (AIR) for the Gr. 1-10 assessments and with ACT for the College and Career Readiness Assessments.

Once those contracts are in place, we will communicate further information to the school districts. This will occur before the end of the school year so you can have time to plan for the next school year.

Further information including timeline of availability (interim), testing dates, and technology specifications will be sent to the districts once we have our contracts in place.

ACCESS 2.0 Testing Experience Survey

If you were involved with administering or coordinating ACCESS testing, and haven't had the chance already, please take the time to answer WIDA's survey about your testing experiences with ACCESS 2.0. Please forward it to others in your district as needed. The ACCESS 2.0 LEA Survey contains questions specific to the roles of Test Coordinator, Test Administrator, and Technology Coordinator and targets the topics of customer service, training, and technology. Aggregate results from the survey will be reported at the WIDA Annual Board Meeting, and individual results will be available by state. WIDA will use the results to help make decisions regarding future enhancements and development. Thank you!

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Announcements

1. Campuses should have received all ACT materials.
2. Prearranged material pick-ups are scheduled on April 20th and May 4th depending on your scheduled test date.
3. Students should complete the pre-test section prior to the scheduled test date.
4. Student data was pulled from PAnext on March 16.
5. Call Jeremiah Barnhart 1-319-337-1386 if you have issues with the ProctorCache software.
6. If you want to change a student from paper testing to online testing, please call Jeremiah Barnhart 1-319-337-1386.
7. **2017-2018 Test Dates**
   -Paper Testing Date April 3
   -Online Test Dates April 3 - April 12 (Tues, Wed, Thur. only)

Important Dates

March 13 - April 14: Approved accommodations late consideration window
April 3 -7: Campuses receive initial shipments of secure and non-secure material
April 3 - 18: (paper/pencil) window to conduct pretest sessions and proctor training
April 3 - May 8: (online) window to conduct pretest sessions
April 12: (online) Deadline for Tech Coordinator to perform final system check
April 14: Accommodations late consideration deadline
April 14 - May 3: (online) Window to precache test content before test day
April 19: (paper/pencil) Administration Day
April 19 - 21: Window for test coordinator to submit makeup orders
April 19 - May 2: Window to conduct pretest sessions for makeup test date
April 19 - May 3: (online) Administration Window Open
April 20: Test Coordinators return initial test date material
April 24 - 26: Window to add additional students to PAnext
April 28: Deadline for ACT to receive answer documents form initial test date
May 3: Deadline for schools to create and assign test sessions for online testing

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Administration Training

Please see the Wyoming Avocet Website to print administration manuals and to access resources for the ACT Aspire administration.

If you were unable to attend the ACT Aspire administration webinar last week, please click here for the PowerPoint and click here for the recorded webinar.

Important Dates

April 3 - 7: (paper/pencil) Campuses receive paper accommodated materials
April 7: Last day to create Online test sessions and set up Proctor Cache
April 10 - May 3: Administration Window Open
May 12: Deadline for ACT Aspire to receive paper materials

View the ACT Aspire administration Checklist for Success!

ACT® WorkKeys®

Important Dates

April 3 - 7: (paper/pencil) Campuses receive paper materials
April 12: Deadline to place a late order of testing materials (must call in orders 1-800-967-5539)
April 19 - May 3: Testing Window
May 4: (paper/pencil) Test coordinators return paper test materials

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **March 13 - April 14**: ACT Approved accommodations late consideration window
- **April 3 - 7**: ACT Aspire (paper/pencil) Campuses receive paper accommodated materials
- **April 3 -7**: ACT Campuses receive initial shipments of secure and non-secure material
- **April 3 - 7**: WorkKeys (paper/pencil) Campuses receive paper materials
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