



## Forward Exam, ACT, Aspire, and Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Assessment Data release

### **The Big Picture**

Statewide assessments provide a common measure of achievement across students in the state.

The proctored, onsite testing assures a standardized administration of the assessment. That means that:

- All students have equal access to technology, optimal testing environments, and test security. This ensures validity.
- Due to COVID, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) provided lengthened testing windows (including evenings and Saturday testing times) to allow districts additional flexibility to administer the assessments safely.
- The state assessment results are just one “snapshot” of a school or district. The test results should be just one snapshot in a larger data portfolio or album of student achievement.

### **The Wisconsin Assessment System (WSAS) Includes Multiple Assessments**

The exams included in the annual statewide assessment data include:

- ***The Wisconsin Forward Exam***
  - Grades 3-8 measures performance in English language arts (ELA) and math
  - Grades 4 and 8 measures performance in science
  - Grades 4, 8, and 10 and measures performance in social studies

### ***ACT***

- Grade 11 and measures performance in English, reading and writing (ELA), math, and science. This is the same college admissions exam taken by students nationwide.

### ***Aspire***

- Grades 9 and 10 and measures performance in English, reading and writing (ELA), math, and science. This assessment is a predictor of ACT performance.

### ***Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)***

- Grades 3-11 measures performance in English language arts (ELA) and math
- Grades 4 and 8-11 measures performance in science
- Grades 4, 8 and 10 measures performance in social studies

The results from the WSAS are a foundational component of the state-legislated school and district report cards that will be issued in November. The report cards include information on attendance, student achievement, student growth and opportunities for students in the area of Academic, College and Career readiness.