

Wisconsin Forward Exam

2024-25 Academic Year

What is it?

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is a state-mandated test. It consists of subtests in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

The Wisconsin Forward Exam asks students questions that are aligned with our State of Wisconsin standards.

Why is this assessment given?

This is a state-mandated test that satisfies both state and federal requirements for testing. The Forward Exam is a spring assessment.

Who takes this assessment?

Students in grades 3, 5, 6 and 7 will take tests in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. In grades 4 and 8, students will be tested in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

Students in grade 10 will only be tested in Social Studies. The remainder of the 10th grade testing uses the ACT Aspire test.

How is the test given?

The Forward Exam is a computer-based test for all the sections.

When is the test given?

In Madison, testing will occur in a window between March 17, 2025 and April 28, 2025. Each school determines its own specific schedule within that time. **NOTE: determinations regarding testing will be made as the window approaches.**

How will results be shared?

Student results will be shared with families as soon as they are available. The district is unlikely to see anything before the middle of July 2025. As soon as the district receives results, they will be shared with families.

How does this assessment reflect my child's performance?

As with any assessment, this is only one measure of your student's academic performance. It is only through *multiple* assessments (for example, teacher developed assessments, state and district assessments) that we are able to develop a clearer picture of your student's current level of performance as well as their growth over time.

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