

The United States Department of Education, State of Wisconsin, and the Wausau School District each require a variety of assessments for a variety of purposes. Below is a list of the assessments, their subject matter, purpose, mandate, and if possible, time spent to schedule and take the assessment, and distribute results. Please direct any questions you have on these or other assessments to our District Assessment Coordinator:

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Assessment	Subject matter and grade levels assessed	Purpose and use of the assessment	Law or policy requiring the assessment	Time students will spend taking the assessment	Schedule for the assessment	Schedule and format for sharing results	Assessment Letters or Informational Brochures (Templates)
Wisconsin Forward Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 3-8 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics Grades 4 and 8 in science, Grades 4, 8, and 10 in social studies 	The Forward Exam gauges how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards and how well districts and the state are supporting students to meet those standards.	Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Wisconsin State Statute 118.30	The Forward Exam is untimed. https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/resources#timing	The Forward Exam is administered annually in the spring. See: https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/calendar	Students receive individual reports. https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/data#availability	District Forward Letter
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 3-11 in ELA and mathematics Grades 4, 8-11 in science Grades 4, 8, and 10 in social studies 	DLM assesses the academic progress of students with significant cognitive disabilities. It is administered online.	ESSA and Wisconsin State Statute 118.30	DLM test is untimed.	DLM is administered annually in the spring. See: https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dlm/calendar	Students receive individual reports and learning profiles. https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dlm/data	DPI's Informational Brochure
PreACT Secure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 9 and 10 for reading, English, mathematics, and science 	PreACT Secure can be used to predict future ACT scores and possible areas of strength and challenges.	Wisconsin State Statute 118.30	PreACT Secure assessments take 2 hours, 50 minutes to complete, including breaks. https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT/Resources#test-times	PreACT Secure is administered annually in the spring. See: https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT/calendar	Students receive individual reports. https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT/data	
ACT with writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 11 for reading, English, mathematics, science, and writing 	ACT with writing helps students understand what they need to learn next to build rigorous high school course plans and identify career areas that align with their interests. It can be used for college enrollment, scholarships, and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility requirements.	ESSA and Wisconsin State Statute 118.30	ACT with writing takes 3 hours, 55 minutes to complete, including breaks. https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/resources#ACT%20resources	ACT with writing is administered annually in the spring. See: https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/calendar	Student Score Reports are available online and mailed 5-8 weeks after the assessment. https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/data	

ACCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades K-12, English language proficiency for students identified as English Learners (ELs) 	ACCESS allows educators, ELs, and families to monitor EL's progress in acquiring academic English in the domains of speaking, listening, reading, and writing.	ESSA and Wisconsin State Statute 115.96(1)	The ACCESS test is untimed, and students have the time needed to produce scorable content. ACCESS typically takes 1-4.5 hours to complete, depending on grade and test format.	ACCESS is administered annually in the winter. See: https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ell/calendar	PDF student score reports are available in multiple languages, with paper copies provided in English during the spring. Districts distribute parent school reports either in late spring or early in the next school year. https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ell/data#timing	District ACCESS Letter Template
Assessment of Reading Readiness (AimswEBPlus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 4K-5 for reading readiness (state required) 	Wausau School District assess reading skills in order to inform instruction and identify students with need additional reading supports. Additional reading and language arts supports and/or services are identified and written into the support plans for students (Kindergarten - 3rd grade in PSPs and 4th & 5th grade in Elem Student Support form).	Wisconsin State Statute 118.016	Students complete several screener assessments 3x a year in AimswEBPlus. Screener assessments depend on the grade level typically taking from .25 hrs up to 1.25 hrs.	Reading Readiness assessments must be administered 3x a year in the required grades.	Student scores are emailed to families using eduClimber Guardian Email (email address: no-reply@educlimber.com).	Results form template sent from no-reply@educlimber.com
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 4 and 8 for reading and mathematics (only if the school is selected to participate) 	NAEP assessment results help produce the Nation's Report Card. NAEP is a survey given each year to a sample of schools selected to participate. Districts that receive Title-I funds agree to have schools participate.	ESSA	Students typically spend 1.5-2 hours to complete the NAEP, depending on grade and test format.	Each sample school has one test date, between the last week of January and the first week of March.	Results are reported at the state and national levels. https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/	
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Assessment of Reading (AimswEBPlus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 6-8 for reading 	Wausau School District assess reading skills in order to inform instruction and identify students with need additional reading supports and/or services.	NA	Students complete several screener assessments 3x a year in AimswEBPlus. Screener assessments typically take about 1.25 hrs.	AimswEBPlus screeners are administered 3x a year (fall, winter, and spring)		
Assessment of Math (iReady diagnostic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 2-8 for math 	Wausau School District assess math skills in order to inform instruction and identify students with need additional math supports and/or services.	NA		iReady diagnostic is administered 3x a year (fall, winter, and spring)		
Assessment of Math (Forefront assessment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades K-1 for math 	Wausau School District assess math skills via an interview assessment in order to inform instruction and identify students with need additional math supports and/or services.	NA		Forefront assessment is administered 3x a year (fall, winter, and spring)		