

## Assessment Information - Required Assessments

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The US Department of Education, State of Wisconsin, and the School District of Elcho 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 Alyssa Carlson, [acarlson@elchoschool.org](mailto:acarlson@elchoschool.org)

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
<a href="#">Wisconsin Forward Exam</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Grades 3-8 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics</li><li>· Grades 4 and 8 in science,</li><li>· Grades 4, 8, and 10 in social studies</li></ul>	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. <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/resources#timing">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/resources#timing</a>	The Forward Exam is administered annually in the spring. See: <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/calendar">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/calendar</a>	Students receive individual reports. <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/data#availability">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/data#availability</a>

<a href="#">Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 3-11 in ELA and mathematics</li> <li>Grades 4, 8-11 in science</li> <li>Grades 4, 8, and 10 in social studies</li> </ul>	DLM assesses the academic progress of students with significant cognitive disabilities. It is administered online.	Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Wisconsin State Statute 118.30	DLM test is untimed.	DLM is administered annually in the spring. See: <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dlm/calendar">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dlm/calendar</a>	Students receive individual reports and learning profiles. <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dlm/data">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/dlm/data</a>
<a href="#">preACT Secure</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 9 and 10</li> </ul>	preACT Secure can be used to predict future ACT scores and possible areas of strength and challenges.	Wisconsin State Statute 118.30	preACT Secure takes 2 hours, 25 minutes to complete. <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT/Resources#test-times">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT/Resources#test-times</a>	ACT Aspire is administered annually in the spring. See: <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT/calendar">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT/calendar</a>	Students receive individual reports and learning profiles. <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT/data">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT/data</a>
<a href="#">ACT with Writing</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 11 for reading, English, mathematics, science, and writing</li> </ul>	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 NCAA eligibility requirements.	Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Wisconsin State Statute 118.30	ACT with Writing takes 3 hours, 55 minutes to complete, including breaks. <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/resources#ACT%20resources">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/resources#ACT%20resources</a>	ACT with Writing is administered annually in the spring. See: <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/calendar">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/calendar</a>	Student Score Reports are available online and mailed 5-8 weeks after the assessment. <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/data">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/data</a>

<a href="#">ACCESS</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades K-12, English language proficiency for students identified as English learners (ELs)</li> </ul>	ACCESS allows educators, ELs, and families to monitor EL's progress in acquiring academic English in the domains of speaking, listening, reading, and writing.	Every Student Succeeds Act (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: <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ell/calendar">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ell/calendar</a>	Individual Score Reports are available electronically in the spring or summer and paper copies are mailed early the next school year. <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ell/data#timing">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ell/data#timing</a>
<a href="#">aimswebPlus</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 4K-3 for reading readiness</li> </ul>	Districts must assess fundamental reading skills in order to inform and identify students with reading needs. Districts are required to provide interventions or remedial services to address the needs consistent with the state standards in reading and language arts.	Wisconsin State Statute 118.016	Testing time varies by grade.	Reading Readiness assessments must be administered at least twice per year in 4K and three times per year grades 1-3.	Individual score reports are shared with parents within 15 days of completing required assessments.

FAST	Grades 4K-12 for reading and math	FAST assesses the progress of students in reading and math, and identifies students who may be at risk of not meeting end of year benchmarks.	Elcho School Board policy <a href="#">po2623</a>	Testing time varies by grade. Most tests are untimed.	FastBridge is administered in the fall, winter, and spring.	Individual score reports are shared at parent teacher conferences and sent home with students (4K-5 in folders, 6-12 in mail) at the conclusion of each testing window.
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