

The US Department of Education, State of Wisconsin, and the Altoona 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: Amy Dahms at [adahms@altoona.k12.wi.us](mailto:adahms@altoona.k12.wi.us).

Assessment	Subject matter & Grade Levels	Purpose & Use of	Law or Policy Requiring	Time Students Will Spend	Schedule for	Schedule & Format for Results
<a href="#">WI 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="#">LINK</a>	The Forward Exam is administered annually in the spring. <a href="#">LINK</a>	Students receive individual reports. <a href="#">LINK</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. <a href="#">LINK</a>	Students receive individual reports and learning profiles. <a href="#">LINK</a>
<a href="#">PreACT Secure</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 9 and 10</li> </ul>	ACT Aspire can be used to predict future ACT scores and possible areas of strength and challenges.	Wisconsin State Statute 118.30	PreACT Secure assessments take 35-45 minutes per subject to complete. <a href="#">LINK</a>	ACT Aspire is administered annually in the spring. <a href="#">LINK</a>	Students receive individual reports and learning profiles. <a href="#">LINK</a>
<a href="#">ACT</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.	Wisconsin State Statute 118.30	ACT with Writing takes 3 hours, 55 minutes to complete, including breaks. <a href="#">LINK</a>	ACT with Writing is administered annually in the Spring. <a href="#">LINK</a>	Student Score Reports are available online and mailed 5-8 weeks after the assessment <a href="#">LINK</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. <a href="#">LINK</a>	Individual Score Reports are available electronically in the spring or summer and paper copies are mailed early the next school year. <a href="#">LINK</a>
<a href="#">Assessment of Reading Readiness</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 4K-2 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	FASTBridge Subtests vary by grade level.	Reading Readiness assessments must be administered at least annually in the required grades.	Individual student reports are shared with families after completion of assessment.
<a href="#">National Assessment of Educational Programs (NAEP)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 4 and 8 for reading and mathematics (only if the school is selected to participate)</li> </ul>	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.	Every Student Succeeds Act (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. <a href="#">LINK</a>

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