



State Assessment Update

Green Bay students in grades 3-8, & 10 will take part in the Wisconsin state assessment, the Forward Exam. Students receiving instruction in person or virtually are required to participate in state testing. The Forward Exam is used to determine how well students are mastering the Wisconsin State Standards. The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that gauges a child's achievement in the content areas tested compared to other students in the state. Along with local measures such as report cards, school-wide assessments, and other information about your child's progress in school, the results from the Forward Exam provide insight into how well your child is doing on a broad measure of achievement. We will begin the actual testing on **3/18/24**.

Here are some quick facts about the Forward Exam:

- Grades 3-8 will take English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics assessments
- Grades 4 and 8 also complete Science and Social Studies sessions
- Grade 10 will complete only a Social Studies session, as ELA, Mathematics, and Science are covered in the PreACT Secure
- The exam is administered online; students must be onsite.

The Forward Exam includes:

- multiple-choice questions: the student selects the correct answers from answer options
- short written response (ELA): the student provides a brief response to the question/prompt
- accommodations and supports for students with disabilities and/or multilingual learners. These are built into the system so that the progress of students can be accurately measured.

The Forward Exam results provide information about student performance which allows: students to reflect on their achievement; teachers to gauge student needs and reflect upon their own instructional practices; administrators to more make informed curriculum and professional development decisions; and parents to understand what their child knows and is able to do in ELA, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies in relation to the Wisconsin State Standards. The results allow all stakeholders to check readiness of ALL students for college and careers.

Students at our school will begin the Forward Exam experience by taking the practice test located at <http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample-items>. The Online Tools Training (OTT) is intended to give students the opportunity to practice with the tools available on the Forward Exam. It also gives students a chance to work with the different item types they will encounter on the exam. The OTT is not scored, nor is it intended to provide practice on test content, it provides practice with the test's format and tools.

Assessment Content

Your child will soon begin taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The Forward Exam is not a timed test. The test is comprised of a variety of sections:

ELA	3 - 8 grade	three sections, given with breaks in between and/or given over multiple days
Math	3 - 8 grade	two sections, given with breaks in between and/or given over multiple days
Science	4th & 8th grades only	three sections, given with breaks in between and/or given over multiple days

Social Studies	4th, 8th, 10th grades only	two sections, given with breaks in between and/or given over multiple days
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Assessment Results

What type of scores will be provided? The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that provides information about what students know and can do in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Students receive a score based on their performance in each content area. Each score will fall in one of four levels:

- Advanced – Student demonstrates thorough understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness. Proficient – Student demonstrates adequate understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- Basic – Student demonstrates partial understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- Below Basic – Student demonstrates minimal understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.

We anticipate results will be shared through Infinite Campus when they arrive in August. Thank you for your continued involvement and support of your child's education.

Preparation

You can help your child by doing the following:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.
- Remain positive. Staying calm will help your child stay calm. If your child gets nervous about the test or is likely to experience anxiety during the test, help them practice some relaxation techniques that they can try when taking the test.
- Please note that electronic devices are prohibited in the testing room: cell phones, smart watches, and other devices may not be accessible during testing or at testing breaks, unless an accommodation for blood sugar monitoring has been approved.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support of your child's education,

Jenna Paal
Principal, Beaumont

When a parent or guardian requests that the student be excused from participating in the [WSAS](#), this request must be honored at grades 4, 8, 9-11, per Wis. Stats. 118.30(2)(b)3. with the exception of the ACCESS for ELLs. Parents or guardians wishing to excuse their child from participating in the Wisconsin Student Assessment System must contact your building principal to set up a meeting regarding your request.