Eau Claire Area School District

Wisconsin Forward & ACT Aspire Exams

Information for ECVS Families 2019-20

Wisconsin Forward Exam

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Where can I find sample or practice test questions for the Forward?

An Online Tools Training (OTT) is available for students at http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sampleitems. The OTT is intended to give students the opportunity to practice with the tools available on the Forward Exam, as well as allow them to familiarize themselves with the testing platform. It also gives students a chance to work with the different question types they will encounter on the exam. The OTT is not scored, nor is it intended to provide practice on test content.

What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam?

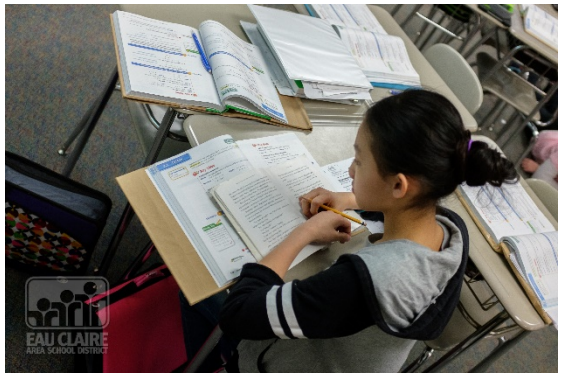
The Wisconsin Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam will be administered online in April and May at:

- 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 includes several question types:

- **Multiple-Choice (MC)** Question that has four answer choices, including three distractors and one correct answer.
- **Enhanced Selected Response (ESR)** Question which may contain combinations of MC, short-answer, and technology enhanced.
- **Evidence-Based Selected Response (EBSR)** Question which has two parts. The student answers Part A, then provides evidence in Part B to support answer in Part A.
- **Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA)** Question based on a passage that is read by the student during the assessment. Students must draw on basic writing skills while inferring and synthesizing information from the passage in order to develop a comprehensive, holistic essay response.

Accommodations and supports for students with disabilities and/or English Language Learners are built into the system so that the progress of students can be accurately measured.



What does this mean for my child?

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that gauges your 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.

What is the ACT and ACT Aspire?

The ACT and ACT Aspire are both summative assessments that gauge your child's achievement in the content areas tested compared to other students in the country. ACT scores are widely used in determining acceptance to colleges and universities, while the ACT Aspire is used as a practice opportunity, an indicator of how a student will score on the ACT, and an opportunity to identify areas a student may want to improve upon before taking the ACT. For more info on either test visit act.org.

Where will students take these tests?

Students will take all Forward and ACT tests at the District Office at 500 Main St. in Eau Claire.

When does the Forward Exam take place?

The Forward Exam schedule is:

6th - 7th Grade		
April 6 @ 8 am	April 7 @ 8 am	
ELA (2 hours, 10 minutes)	Math (one hour, 45 minutes)	
8th Grade		
April 6 @ 8 am	April 7 @ 8 am	April 8 @ 8 am
ELA (2 hours, 10 minutes)	Math (one hour, 45 minutes)	Science & Social Studies (2 hours, 55 minutes)
10th Grade		
April 8th @ 8 am		
Social Studies (1 hour, 10 minutes)		

The ACT Aspire Exam schedule is:

9th Grade	
April 8 @ 12 pm	April 9 @ 12 pm
Math Reading (2 hours, 20 minutes)	English Science Writing (2 hours, 45 minutes)
10th Grade	
April 8th @ 12 pm	April 9 @ 12 pm
Math Reading (2 hours, 20 minutes)	English Science Writing (2 hours, 45 minutes)

The ACT exam schedule is:

11th Grade
March 3 @ 8:30 am
English Math Reading Science Writing (4 hours, 10 minutes)