

# ASSESSMENT



## Information for Parents About Assessment

Students in the School District of Bonduel participate in the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS). The WSAS is the state testing system and includes many tests. Student performance on these assessments are reported in proficiency categories and used to inform instruction, revise curriculum and for accountability purposes. The tests administered to School District of Bonduel students this year include:

- **Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)** – administered to all 4 year old kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in fall and spring.
- **Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exams (WKCE)** – administered to students in October/November to students in grades 4, 8 and 10 in science and social studies.
- **WKCE Alternate Assessment-Students with Disabilities (WAA-SwD)** – administered to students with disabilities - specifically significant cognitive disabilities when the Individualized Education Plan team determines that the student is unable to participate even with accommodations. The test window was Oct. 27-Nov. 7, 2014.
- **The Badger Exam** – A Smarter Balanced Assessment that will be administered to students in grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. The test dates are March 30-May 22, 2015. These tests will be taken on a computer.
- **Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)** – at grades 3-11 in ELA and Mathematics will be administered from March 30 - May 22. DLM is an alternate assessment system that will allow students with significant cognitive disabilities show what they know in ways that traditional multiple-choice tests cannot. A student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) determines whether a student participates in the DLM.
- **ACT Aspire** – this test assesses student readiness in English, math, reading science and writing. It is taken online by 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students who need accommodations on the ACT Aspire will take it in a paper and pencil format. Students will take this exam between April 27 and May 22, 2015.
- **ACT Plus Writing** – will be administered on March 3, 2015 to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. There are 4 subtests – English, Mathematics, Reading and Science and a 30-minute essay test that measures writing skills. This is a paper and pencil test.
- **ACT WorkKeys** – will be administered on March 4, 2015 to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is an applied skills assessment which will help students measure their skills to the skills real jobs require. Students will take 3 WorkKeys assessments: locating information, reading for information and applied mathematics.
- **Assessment of English Language Learners (EiLs)** – this test assess level of English language proficiency and is administered from Dec. 1, 2015-Feb. 6, 2015.

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## Parent Resources

Badger Exam – <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/gov/assessment/Smarter/resources>

ACT High School Assessments Information for Families –

<http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/oea/pdf/ACTbrochurefinal.pdf>

Suggestions for parents to help students prepare for state assessment:

- It is **imperative** that your child attend school on all testing days!
- Encourage your child to get a good night sleep before testing – 9 hours is recommended.
- Encourage your child to eat a nutritional breakfast.
- Encourage your child to participate in all practice sessions.
- Remind students to listen to and read all directions and to tackle the test one question at a time instead of thinking about the entire test.
- Encourage students to answer all test questions.
- Offer praise and encouragement for achievement and improvement.
- Provide a study area at home and encourage students to read every day. Take time to read to your child.

## Testing Dates

- **Badger Exam – Grades 3-8**
  - **Third Grade** – April 17 practice test; April 20-24 and April 27-28
  - **Fourth Grade** – April 17 practice test; April 20-24 and April 27-28
  - **Fifth Grade** – May 1 practice test; May 4-7 and 11-12
- **ACT – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**
  - March 3
  - March 17 Make up ACT test date
- **ACT WorkKeys – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**
  - March 4
  - March 18 Make up WorkKeys test day
- **ACT Aspire – 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grades**
  - April 27-May 22 (Specific dates to be determined)