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Badger and ACT results available for all schools

Fifth year of choice school data

MADISON — Data dashboards with public school- and district-level results from the 2014-15 administration of the Badger, Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM), and ACT Plus Writing exams are now available through the WISEdash Public Portal (<http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/>). Statewide results, which were reported in January, can be found online ([ACT](#) and [Badger](#)).

“We have opened doors for high school students across the state with the opportunity to take the ACT. The results for the ACT and Badger exams show that advancing the education of all students, especially those from diverse backgrounds and income levels, is a challenge across all grades and sectors,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “We want all of our students to graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills for college and career; it’s ‘the ticket’ to a successful future.”

In addition to public school and district data available through WISEdash, Badger and ACT results for schools in the Milwaukee, Racine, and Wisconsin Parental Choice programs can be found online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/parental-choice-program/data>. The 2014-15 school year was the fifth year that Milwaukee Parental Choice School students took the same assessments as public school students. It was the fourth year for state assessments in the Racine Parental Choice Program, and the second year that students in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program took statewide assessments.

Last spring’s Badger Exam was the first and only administration of that test for third- through eighth-grade students in the state’s public schools and for students attending private schools participating in parental choice programs. For the current school year, students in those grades will take the Forward Exam from Data Recognition Corporation later this month. The 2014-15 school year was also the first year that the ACT Plus Writing college admissions exam was administered to all high school juniors to assess their college and career readiness. Assessments through DLM measure the academic progress of students with significant cognitive disabilities in grades three through 11. No private school students participated in DLM assessments.

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Because of significant differences between the Badger and DLM exams and the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam and the Wisconsin Alternate Assessment for Students with Disabilities that they replaced, comparisons of results to prior years is not advised. Likewise, because of differences in tested populations — all juniors versus graduates who may have taken the ACT multiple times — comparisons of statewide ACT results for juniors to national and state results for graduating seniors is invalid.

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NOTES: A table summarizing Badger & DLM and ACT & DLM results for public and private schools is attached. Data for districts is for all students, which will not match the [WISEdash Public Portal](http://wisedash.wisconsin.gov) because the portal uses data for students enrolled for a full academic year (FAY). Choice data by schools can be found online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/parental-choice-program/data>. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2016_40.pdf.

Family Income for Choice Eligibility – 2014-15

Program Eligibility Based on Income for a Family of Four with Married Parents

Federal Free Meals	Federal Reduced-Price Meals	Milwaukee Choice (MPCP)	Racine Choice (RPCP)	Statewide Choice (WPCP)
\$31,005	\$44,123	\$78,637	\$78,637	\$51,177

NOTE: For the Wisconsin Student Assessment System, public school students whose family income falls within the guidelines for free or reduced-price school meals are considered low income.

Assessment Results

Badger and Dynamic Learning Maps Exams, Grades 3-8 – 2014-15

	MPCP	RPCP	WPCP	All Choice	MPS All	MPS Econ Dis	Racine Unified All	Racine Unified Econ Dis	State	State Econ Dis
# Enrolled	10,733	497	415	11,645	31,483	17,420	8,072	5,238	367,327	148,152
% Proficient or Advanced ELA Opt Out Included	27.0%	22.0%	19.0%	27.0%	25.6%	20.5%	27.3%	18.5%	51.2%	35.3%
% Proficient or Advanced Math Opt Out Included	16.0%	15.0%	13.0%	16.0%	15.8%	13.0%	18.7%	11.7%	43.7%	27.3%
% Proficient or Advanced ELA Opt Out Not Included	27.9%	24.4%	46.2%	28.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-
% Proficient or Advanced Math Opt Out Not Included	16.4%	16.9%	31.8%	16.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-

ACT and Dynamic Learning Maps Exams – 2014-15

	MPCP	RPCP	WPCP	All Choice	MPS All	MPS Econ Dis	Racine Unified All	Racine Unified Econ Dis	State	State Econ Dis
# Enrolled	1,102	57	50	1,209	4,979	3,563	1,455	771	65,065	22,370
% Proficient or Advanced ELA Opt Out Included	26.4%	47.4%	52.0%	28.5%	15.8%	13.7%	30.8%	17.6%	45.7%	24.8%
% Proficient or Advanced Math Opt Out Included	13.9%	31.6%	36.0%	15.6%	7.4%	5.9%	15.9%	8.6%	35.9%	16.8%
% Proficient or Advanced ELA Opt Out Not Included	26.9%	47.4%	59.1%	29.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-
% Proficient or Advanced Math Opt Out Not Included	14.1%	31.6%	40.9%	16.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-

ACT Plus Writing – 2014-15

	# Enrolled	ELA % Prof or Adv Opt Out Included in Denominator	ELA % Prof or Adv Opt Out Not Included in Denominator	Math % Prof or Adv Opt Out Included in Denominator	Math % Prof or Adv Opt Out Not Included in Denominator	Count of Composite	Average Composite Score	Count of ELA	ELA Average Score	Count of Math	Math Average Score
MPCP	1,102	26.0%	27.0%	14.0%	14.0%	1,029	17.2	1,022	16.9	1,030	17.2
RPCP	57	47.0%	47.0%	32.0%	32.0%	57	20.0	57	19.5	57	18.7
WPCP	50	52.0%	59.0%	36.0%	41.0%	43	20.9	43	20.5	43	20.7
All Choice	1,209	28.0%	29.0%	16.0%	16.0%	1,129	17.5	1,122	17.2	1,130	17.4
Statewide	65,065	45.7%	-	35.9%	-	60,354	20.0	60,139	19.3	60,451	20.0
Statewide-Econ Dis	22,370	24.8%	-	16.8%	-	19,565	17.4	19,445	16.7	19,631	17.6
MPS-All Students	4,979	15.8%	-	7.4%	-	3,551	15.9	3,523	15.7	3,562	16.2
MPS-All Students, Econ Dis	3,563	13.7%	-	5.9%	-	2,603	15.5	2,579	15.3	2,613	16.0
Racine-All Students	1,455	30.8%	-	15.9%	-	1,254	17.8	1,247	17.4	1,254	17.5
Racine-All Students, Econ Dis	771	17.6%	-	8.6%	-	647	16.2	641	15.8	647	16.3

Notes: Data for districts is for all students, which will not match the [WISEdash Public Portal](#) because it uses data for students enrolled for a full academic year (FAY). 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 required that WSAS results be reported by enrolled students minus parent opt out for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. State- and district-level public school results are for enrolled students. Income levels for students from economically disadvantaged families differ for students in public schools and those in the three choice programs. Please see the table "Family Income for Choice Eligibility."