

The Wisconsin Forward Exam, as part of the Wisconsin Student Assessment System, is an online assessment used to gauge how well students in grades 3-8 are mastering the Wisconsin State Standards. The Forward Exam is given in grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics; grades 4 and 8 in Science; and grades 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies.

## Testing

The Forward Exam includes:

- **Multiple-Choice Questions:** Students select the correct answer from answer options.
- **Short Answer Questions:** Students provide a response using basic writing skills to summarize, compare, and make inferences about English Language Arts passages.
- **Text Dependent Analysis:** Students read a passage and then write a comprehensive essay response.

## Timing

Testing window is March 20 to May 5;  
Each school will test within this window &  
communicate the schedule to families.

## Scoring

Students receive a score based on  
performance in one of four levels:

- **Advanced:** Students demonstrate thorough understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level.
- **Proficient:** Students demonstrate adequate understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level.
- **Basic:** Students demonstrate partial understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level.
- **Below Basic:** Students demonstrate minimal understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills associated with their grade level.



## Practice Test

Wisconsin Forward Exam practice test and sample items can be found at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample-items>. Schools will provide students an opportunity to take the practice test.

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